

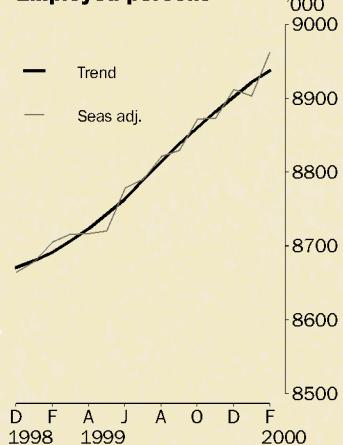


LABOUR FORCE

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

EMBARGO: 11:30AM (CANBERRA TIME) THURS 9 MAR 2000

Employed persons



Unemployment rate



INQUIRIES

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FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

TREND

	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	8 922.2	8 938.3	0.2 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	655.2	649.2	-0.9 %
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	6.8	-0.1 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.4	63.4	0.0 pts

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	8 903.4	8 962.4	59.1
Unemployed persons ('000)	654.8	643.5	-11.2
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.7	-0.2 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.2	63.5	0.2 pts

FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- has continued to rise steadily, reaching 8,938,300.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- has been falling since June 1998 to 649,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- declined slightly to 6.8%

PARTICIPATION RATE

- remained steady at 63.4%.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- increased by 59,100 to 8,962,400. Full-time employment rose by 34,000 to 6,605,000 and part-time employment rose by 25,100 to 2,357,400.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- decreased by 11,200 to 643,500. The number of persons looking for full-time work fell by 17,500 to 475,000 and persons looking for part-time work rose by 6,300 to 168,500.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.7%. The male rate fell by 0.4 percentage points to 6.6% and the female rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 6.8%.

- NSW 5.8% (6.0% last month); Vic 6.6% (6.8%); Qld 7.7% (8.1%); SA 8.7% (7.7%); WA 6.3% (6.8%); Tas 8.6% (9.0%).

PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased by 0.2 percentage points to 63.5%.

N O T E S

FORTHCOMING ISSUES	ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
	March 2000	06 April 2000
	April 2000	11 May 2000
	May 2000	08 June 2000
	June 2000	13 July 2000
	July 2000	10 August 2000
	August 2000	07 September 2000

CHANGES THIS MONTH

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates have been revised from February 1978 to reflect the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors, which occurs in February each year. A feature article outlining the seasonal reanalysis will appear in the February 2000 edition of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Further information can be obtained from the contact listed on the front page of this publication.

ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict movements calculated from unrounded estimates.

SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 30 and 31.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES	MOVEMENTS JANUARY 2000 TO FEBRUARY 2000		
	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval	
Total employment	59 100	23 100	to 95 100
Total unemployment	-11 200	-26 000	to 3 600
Unemployment rate	-0.2 pts	-0.4 pts	to 0.0 pts
Participation rate	0.2 pts	0.0 pts	to 0.4 pts

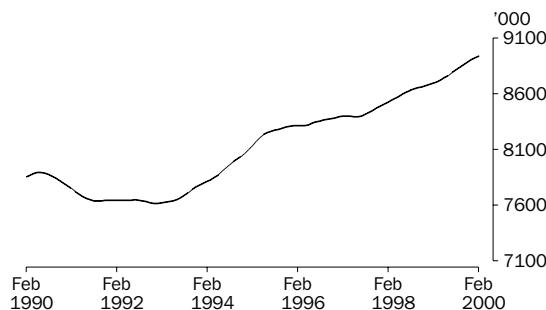
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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

EMPLOYED PERSONS

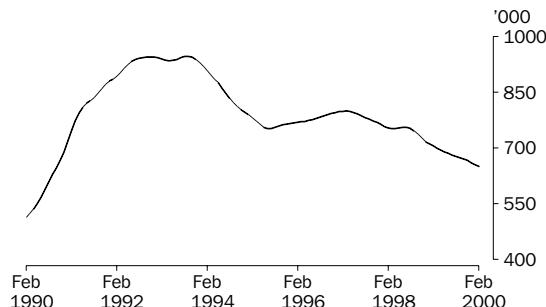
The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from 7,615,300 in January 1993 until early 1996. The trend then continued to rise at a slower rate until August 1997.

Since then, the trend estimate has shown stronger growth, to stand at 8,938,300 in February 2000.



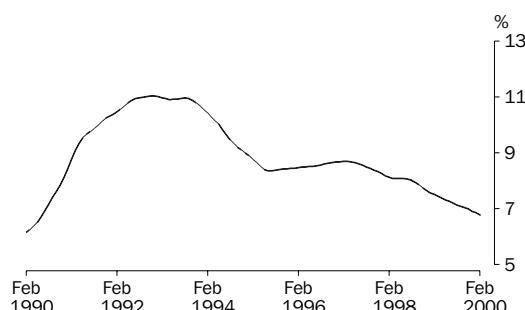
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons peaked at 946,800 in September 1993, before falling rapidly to 751,900 in June 1995. The trend then rose slowly for almost two years, to 799,400 in March 1997. Apart from a small rise in mid 1998, the trend estimate has been falling since March 1997, and was 649,200 in February 2000.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

From a high of 11.0% in August 1993, the trend unemployment rate fell rapidly to 8.3% in July 1995. The trend estimate then rose slowly to 8.7% in March 1997. The trend unemployment rate has since fallen and was 6.8% in February 2000.

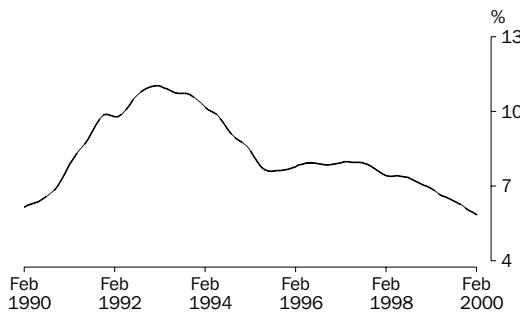


STATES: Trend estimates

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

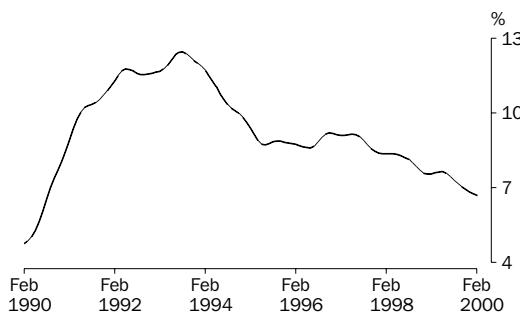
NEW SOUTH WALES

From a peak of 11.0% in January 1993, the trend unemployment rate for New South Wales fell steadily to 7.6% in July 1995. The trend estimate then increased gradually, reaching 8.0% in April 1997. Since then, the trend unemployment rate has generally declined, to stand at 5.9% in February 2000.



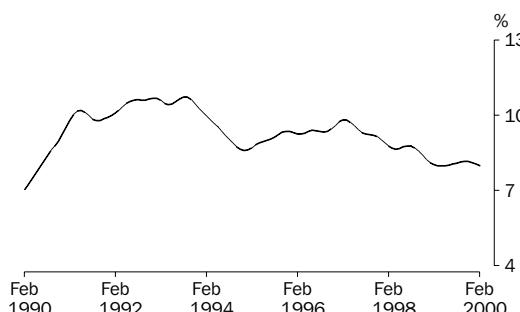
VICTORIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Victoria decreased sharply from a peak of 12.4% in August 1993 to 8.7% in May 1995. The trend then remained steady for the next year before rising to 9.2% in November 1996. The trend estimate has since fallen to stand at 6.7% in February 2000.



QUEENSLAND

Trend estimates of the unemployment rate for Queensland decreased from a peak of 10.7% in August 1993 to 8.6% in December 1994. The trend then rose to 9.8% in February 1997 before falling to 8.0% in early 1999. The trend unemployment rate has remained steady through 1999 to stand at 8.0% in February 2000.

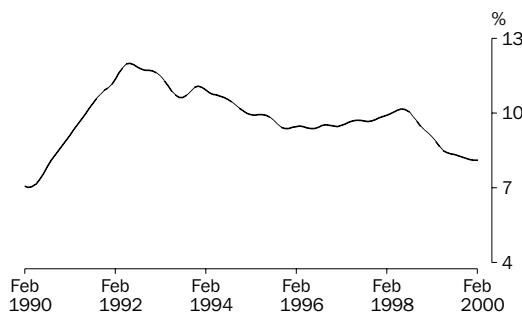


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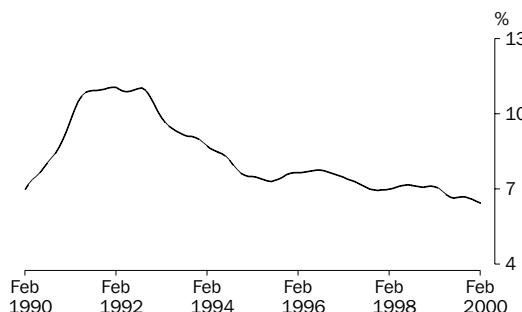
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia peaked at 12.0% in June 1992. The trend then declined steadily to 9.4% in November 1995 before rising slowly to 10.2% in June 1998. During late 1998 and early 1999 the trend declined rapidly. Since then the rate of decline has slowed, with the trend recording 8.1% in February 2000.



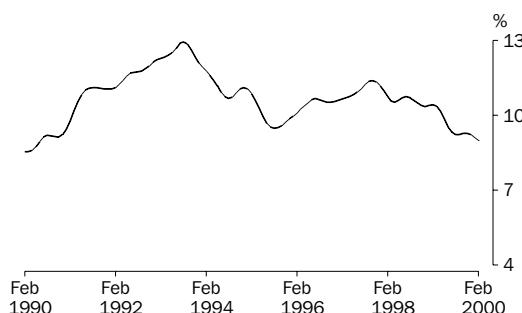
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

After reaching 11.1% in January 1992, the trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Western Australia remained relatively steady until late 1992. The trend then declined rapidly to 7.3% in July 1995. After rising to 7.7% in August 1996 the trend estimate has since fallen to 6.4% in February 2000.



TASMANIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Tasmania fell from a peak of 12.9% in August 1993 to 9.5% in August 1995. The trend estimate then rose to 11.4% in October 1997. The trend unemployment rate has since generally declined to stand at 9.0% in February 2000.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
MALES											
1998											
December	4 343.3	622.0	4 965.4	354.7	57.7	412.3	5 377.7	1 941.6	7 319.3	7.7	73.5
1999											
January	4 282.3	600.4	4 882.6	389.5	57.8	447.3	5 329.9	1 998.8	7 328.7	8.4	72.7
February	4 318.0	598.3	4 916.3	381.0	63.1	444.0	5 360.3	1 977.7	7 338.0	8.3	73.0
March	4 312.1	634.3	4 946.4	335.8	69.6	405.4	5 351.8	1 995.6	7 347.4	7.6	72.8
April	4 299.2	640.7	4 939.9	337.3	64.9	402.2	5 342.1	2 015.0	7 357.2	7.5	72.6
May	4 290.9	641.8	4 932.7	332.3	65.4	397.7	5 330.4	2 036.6	7 367.0	7.5	72.4
June	4 316.8	660.8	4 977.6	321.9	49.8	371.7	5 349.4	2 027.4	7 376.8	6.9	72.5
July	4 373.7	618.8	4 992.4	302.2	57.2	359.4	5 351.8	2 034.2	7 386.0	6.7	72.5
August	4 323.8	620.8	4 944.5	316.4	66.4	382.9	5 327.4	2 067.9	7 395.3	7.2	72.0
September	4 387.7	622.0	5 009.7	331.3	72.5	403.8	5 413.6	1 991.1	7 404.6	7.5	73.1
October	4 376.4	623.0	4 999.4	307.2	61.4	368.6	5 368.1	2 048.0	7 416.0	6.9	72.4
November	4 378.8	608.7	4 987.5	301.3	48.9	350.3	5 337.8	2 089.6	7 427.4	6.6	71.9
December	4 462.2	617.4	5 079.6	322.0	65.7	387.7	5 467.3	1 971.5	7 438.7	7.1	73.5
2000											
January	4 367.2	611.0	4 978.2	344.6	62.5	407.1	5 385.3	2 062.7	7 448.0	7.6	72.3
February	4 420.6	613.8	5 034.3	326.5	66.1	392.6	5 427.0	2 030.2	7 457.2	7.2	72.8
FEMALES											
1998											
December	2 190.0	1 635.9	3 826.0	194.9	97.0	291.9	4 117.9	3 433.2	7 551.1	7.1	54.5
1999											
January	2 139.8	1 530.6	3 670.4	210.1	97.1	307.2	3 977.6	3 582.5	7 560.1	7.7	52.6
February	2 126.0	1 606.4	3 732.4	213.0	123.8	336.8	4 069.2	3 499.8	7 569.1	8.3	53.8
March	2 103.2	1 647.7	3 750.9	198.8	132.2	331.1	4 082.0	3 496.1	7 578.1	8.1	53.9
April	2 110.0	1 663.7	3 773.7	190.2	112.7	302.9	4 076.7	3 510.5	7 587.2	7.4	53.7
May	2 108.5	1 675.4	3 783.8	181.0	110.2	291.1	4 074.9	3 521.3	7 596.3	7.1	53.6
June	2 132.5	1 683.5	3 816.0	175.8	100.9	276.7	4 092.7	3 512.7	7 605.4	6.8	53.8
July	2 172.6	1 659.4	3 832.0	160.4	104.2	264.6	4 096.6	3 517.9	7 614.5	6.5	53.8
August	2 109.6	1 677.5	3 787.1	166.8	103.1	269.9	4 057.0	3 566.6	7 623.6	6.7	53.2
September	2 165.0	1 733.2	3 898.2	187.7	121.8	309.5	4 207.7	3 425.1	7 632.7	7.4	55.1
October	2 190.8	1 698.9	3 889.7	173.9	100.4	274.4	4 164.1	3 479.1	7 643.2	6.6	54.5
November	2 178.0	1 727.3	3 905.3	167.5	92.1	259.6	4 164.9	3 488.7	7 653.7	6.2	54.4
December	2 263.8	1 703.4	3 967.2	184.7	94.8	279.5	4 246.7	3 417.4	7 664.1	6.6	55.4
2000											
January	2 208.0	1 587.8	3 795.8	188.5	100.7	289.2	4 085.0	3 587.3	7 672.3	7.1	53.2
February	2 189.2	1 681.6	3 870.7	200.8	125.2	326.1	4 196.8	3 483.7	7 680.5	7.8	54.6
PERSONS											
1998											
December	6 533.4	2 258.0	8 791.3	549.5	154.7	704.3	9 495.6	5 374.8	14 870.4	7.4	63.9
1999											
January	6 422.1	2 131.0	8 553.0	599.7	154.8	754.5	9 307.5	5 581.2	14 888.8	8.1	62.5
February	6 444.0	2 204.7	8 648.7	594.0	186.9	780.9	9 429.6	5 477.5	14 907.1	8.3	63.3
March	6 415.4	2 282.0	8 697.3	534.6	201.8	736.4	9 433.8	5 491.7	14 925.5	7.8	63.2
April	6 409.2	2 304.4	8 713.6	527.5	177.7	705.2	9 418.8	5 525.5	14 944.3	7.5	63.0
May	6 399.3	2 317.2	8 716.5	513.2	175.5	688.8	9 405.3	5 557.9	14 963.2	7.3	62.9
June	6 449.3	2 344.3	8 793.6	497.8	150.7	648.5	9 442.1	5 540.1	14 982.1	6.9	63.0
July	6 546.3	2 278.1	8 824.4	462.6	161.4	624.0	9 448.4	5 552.1	15 000.5	6.6	63.0
August	6 433.4	2 298.2	8 731.6	483.2	169.6	652.8	9 384.4	5 634.5	15 018.9	7.0	62.5
September	6 552.7	2 355.2	8 908.0	519.0	194.3	713.3	9 621.2	5 416.1	15 037.4	7.4	64.0
October	6 567.2	2 321.9	8 889.2	481.1	161.9	643.0	9 532.2	5 527.0	15 059.2	6.7	63.3
November	6 556.8	2 336.0	8 892.8	468.8	141.1	609.9	9 502.7	5 578.3	15 081.0	6.4	63.0
December	6 726.0	2 320.8	9 046.8	506.7	160.5	667.2	9 714.0	5 388.9	15 102.9	6.9	64.3
2000											
January	6 575.2	2 198.8	8 773.9	533.2	163.2	696.3	9 470.3	5 650.0	15 120.3	7.4	62.6
February	6 609.8	2 295.3	8 905.1	527.3	191.4	718.7	9 623.8	5 513.9	15 137.7	7.5	63.6

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): **Seasonally adjusted(a)**

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....					
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
1998									
December	4 273.7	621.9	4 895.6	359.8	55.1	415.0	5 310.6	7.8	72.6
1999									
January	4 282.3	625.3	4 907.5	358.6	55.0	413.6	5 321.1	7.8	72.6
February	4 309.5	628.0	4 937.4	349.9	57.5	407.4	5 344.8	7.6	72.8
March	4 330.7	627.2	4 957.8	328.6	60.7	389.3	5 347.1	7.3	72.8
April	4 314.9	631.4	4 946.4	344.1	62.6	406.8	5 353.1	7.6	72.8
May	4 313.1	630.6	4 943.7	337.7	66.7	404.4	5 348.0	7.6	72.6
June	4 334.0	636.5	4 970.5	332.5	56.7	389.2	5 359.6	7.3	72.7
July	4 348.9	628.4	4 977.3	310.8	64.4	375.2	5 352.6	7.0	72.5
August	4 373.8	619.0	4 992.7	320.6	69.8	390.5	5 383.2	7.3	72.8
September	4 373.1	613.3	4 986.4	325.9	66.3	392.2	5 378.6	7.3	72.6
October	4 369.4	620.2	4 989.7	326.7	64.2	390.9	5 380.6	7.3	72.6
November	4 381.0	610.4	4 991.4	310.2	55.9	366.0	5 357.4	6.8	72.1
December	4 390.2	616.5	5 006.7	326.4	62.6	388.9	5 395.6	7.2	72.5
2000									
January	4 367.1	636.0	5 003.0	317.2	60.2	377.4	5 380.5	7.0	72.2
February	4 412.2	644.4	5 056.6	299.8	60.3	360.1	5 416.7	6.6	72.6
FEMALES									
1998									
December	2 131.7	1 636.8	3 768.5	193.7	102.7	296.4	4 064.9	7.3	53.8
1999									
January	2 136.4	1 634.3	3 770.7	195.2	98.7	293.9	4 064.6	7.2	53.8
February	2 130.4	1 637.2	3 767.6	185.7	106.9	292.6	4 060.1	7.2	53.6
March	2 122.1	1 635.9	3 757.9	189.5	117.5	307.0	4 065.0	7.6	53.6
April	2 124.3	1 645.6	3 769.9	189.2	107.8	296.9	4 066.9	7.3	53.6
May	2 128.1	1 648.0	3 776.1	183.6	110.9	294.4	4 070.6	7.2	53.6
June	2 156.9	1 650.8	3 807.7	184.2	109.5	293.7	4 101.4	7.2	53.9
July	2 140.9	1 671.1	3 812.0	171.5	112.6	284.1	4 096.1	6.9	53.8
August	2 144.9	1 683.1	3 828.1	176.7	110.3	287.0	4 115.0	7.0	54.0
September	2 150.8	1 691.7	3 842.6	188.7	112.9	301.6	4 144.1	7.3	54.3
October	2 183.5	1 698.7	3 882.2	182.2	102.6	284.8	4 167.0	6.8	54.5
November	2 178.2	1 703.2	3 881.4	178.4	101.5	279.9	4 161.2	6.7	54.4
December	2 201.6	1 704.0	3 905.7	182.8	100.7	283.4	4 189.1	6.8	54.7
2000									
January	2 204.0	1 696.4	3 900.3	175.3	102.1	277.4	4 177.7	6.6	54.5
February	2 192.8	1 713.0	3 905.8	175.2	108.2	283.4	4 189.3	6.8	54.5
PERSONS									
1998									
December	6 405.4	2 258.7	8 664.1	553.5	157.9	711.3	9 375.5	7.6	63.0
1999									
January	6 418.7	2 259.6	8 678.3	553.8	153.7	707.5	9 385.7	7.5	63.0
February	6 439.8	2 265.2	8 705.0	535.6	164.4	700.0	9 405.0	7.4	63.1
March	6 452.7	2 263.0	8 715.8	518.2	178.2	696.3	9 412.1	7.4	63.1
April	6 439.3	2 277.0	8 716.3	533.3	170.4	703.7	9 420.0	7.5	63.0
May	6 441.2	2 278.6	8 719.8	521.3	177.6	698.8	9 418.6	7.4	62.9
June	6 490.9	2 287.3	8 778.2	516.7	166.2	682.9	9 461.1	7.2	63.1
July	6 489.8	2 299.6	8 789.4	482.4	177.0	659.3	9 448.7	7.0	63.0
August	6 518.7	2 302.1	8 820.8	497.4	180.1	677.4	9 498.2	7.1	63.2
September	6 524.0	2 305.0	8 829.0	514.5	179.2	693.7	9 522.7	7.3	63.3
October	6 552.9	2 318.9	8 871.8	508.9	166.8	675.8	9 547.6	7.1	63.4
November	6 559.1	2 313.6	8 872.8	488.5	157.4	645.9	9 518.7	6.8	63.1
December	6 591.8	2 320.5	8 912.3	509.1	163.2	672.3	9 584.7	7.0	63.5
2000									
January	6 571.0	2 332.3	8 903.4	492.5	162.3	654.8	9 558.1	6.9	63.2
February	6 605.0	2 357.4	8 962.4	475.0	168.5	643.5	9 606.0	6.7	63.5

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

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MALES									
1998									
December	4 289.3	619.5	4 908.8	359.2	56.5	415.7	5 324.5	7.8	72.8
1999									
January	4 294.0	624.5	4 918.4	353.8	57.2	411.0	5 329.4	7.7	72.7
February	4 300.6	627.9	4 928.5	348.5	58.3	406.9	5 335.3	7.6	72.7
March	4 309.0	630.3	4 939.3	342.9	59.7	402.6	5 341.9	7.5	72.7
April	4 318.6	631.7	4 950.3	337.1	61.1	398.3	5 348.6	7.4	72.7
May	4 328.4	631.5	4 959.9	331.9	62.8	394.7	5 354.7	7.4	72.7
June	4 338.3	629.7	4 968.1	327.7	64.2	391.9	5 360.0	7.3	72.7
July	4 349.3	626.1	4 975.5	324.4	64.9	389.3	5 364.8	7.3	72.6
August	4 360.2	621.4	4 981.6	322.4	65.0	387.4	5 369.0	7.2	72.6
September	4 369.3	617.6	4 987.0	321.4	64.4	385.8	5 372.7	7.2	72.5
October	4 375.5	616.7	4 992.2	320.7	63.3	384.1	5 376.3	7.1	72.5
November	4 379.8	618.9	4 998.7	319.6	62.1	381.7	5 380.3	7.1	72.4
December	4 384.1	623.2	5 007.3	317.2	60.8	378.1	5 385.4	7.0	72.4
2000									
January	4 388.7	628.6	5 017.3	314.4	59.9	374.2	5 391.5	6.9	72.4
February	4 392.4	634.4	5 026.8	310.6	59.1	369.7	5 396.5	6.9	72.4
FEMALES									
1998									
December	2 125.6	1 635.8	3 761.4	194.6	106.7	301.3	4 062.7	7.4	53.8
1999									
January	2 126.0	1 635.6	3 761.6	192.4	107.2	299.7	4 061.2	7.4	53.7
February	2 127.2	1 636.0	3 763.2	190.7	107.8	298.5	4 061.7	7.3	53.7
March	2 129.0	1 638.1	3 767.1	188.5	108.7	297.2	4 064.3	7.3	53.6
April	2 130.8	1 642.6	3 773.4	185.8	110.1	295.9	4 069.3	7.3	53.6
May	2 133.4	1 649.5	3 783.0	183.2	111.4	294.6	4 077.6	7.2	53.7
June	2 137.7	1 658.5	3 796.2	181.3	111.9	293.2	4 089.4	7.2	53.8
July	2 143.9	1 669.4	3 813.3	180.3	111.2	291.5	4 104.8	7.1	53.9
August	2 152.2	1 680.2	3 832.4	180.2	109.7	289.9	4 122.3	7.0	54.1
September	2 161.9	1 689.3	3 851.2	180.6	107.8	288.4	4 139.6	7.0	54.2
October	2 172.2	1 696.0	3 868.2	181.0	105.7	286.7	4 154.9	6.9	54.4
November	2 182.5	1 700.4	3 882.9	180.7	104.0	284.7	4 167.6	6.8	54.5
December	2 191.7	1 703.5	3 895.2	179.7	103.0	282.6	4 177.8	6.8	54.5
2000									
January	2 199.0	1 705.9	3 904.9	178.4	102.6	281.0	4 185.9	6.7	54.6
February	2 203.9	1 707.6	3 911.5	176.6	102.9	279.5	4 190.9	6.7	54.6
PERSONS									
1998									
December	6 414.9	2 255.3	8 670.2	553.8	163.1	717.0	9 387.2	7.6	63.1
1999									
January	6 420.0	2 260.0	8 680.0	546.2	164.4	710.6	9 390.6	7.6	63.1
February	6 427.8	2 263.9	8 691.7	539.2	166.2	705.4	9 397.0	7.5	63.0
March	6 438.0	2 268.5	8 706.4	531.4	168.4	699.8	9 406.3	7.4	63.0
April	6 449.4	2 274.3	8 723.7	522.9	171.2	694.1	9 417.8	7.4	63.0
May	6 461.8	2 281.1	8 742.9	515.2	174.1	689.3	9 432.2	7.3	63.0
June	6 476.0	2 288.2	8 764.2	509.1	176.0	685.1	9 449.3	7.3	63.1
July	6 493.3	2 295.5	8 788.8	504.7	176.1	680.8	9 469.6	7.2	63.1
August	6 512.4	2 301.6	8 814.0	502.6	174.6	677.3	9 491.2	7.1	63.2
September	6 531.2	2 307.0	8 838.2	502.0	172.2	674.1	9 512.3	7.1	63.2
October	6 547.8	2 312.7	8 860.4	501.7	169.1	670.8	9 531.2	7.0	63.3
November	6 562.3	2 319.3	8 881.6	500.3	166.0	666.3	9 547.9	7.0	63.3
December	6 575.8	2 326.8	8 902.5	496.9	163.8	660.7	9 563.2	6.9	63.3
2000									
January	6 587.7	2 334.5	8 922.2	492.8	162.5	655.2	9 577.4	6.8	63.4
February	6 596.3	2 342.0	8 938.3	487.2	162.0	649.2	9 587.5	6.8	63.4

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1998												
December	52.6	302.0	354.7	57.7	412.3	24.8	6.7	7.5	8.5	7.7	7.8	4.5
1999												
January	52.7	336.8	389.5	57.8	447.3	25.2	7.5	8.3	8.8	8.4	7.8	5.1
February	44.4	336.6	381.0	63.1	444.0	21.9	7.5	8.1	9.5	8.3	6.5	5.1
March	42.5	293.2	335.8	69.6	405.4	22.9	6.6	7.2	9.9	7.6	6.3	4.4
April	40.8	296.5	337.3	64.9	402.2	21.8	6.7	7.3	9.2	7.5	6.0	4.4
May	38.1	294.2	332.3	65.4	397.7	21.3	6.6	7.2	9.2	7.5	5.6	4.4
June	39.1	282.9	321.9	49.8	371.7	22.1	6.3	6.9	7.0	6.9	5.7	4.2
July	32.8	269.4	302.2	57.2	359.4	17.3	6.0	6.5	8.5	6.7	4.8	4.0
August	32.2	284.2	316.4	66.4	382.9	18.3	6.4	6.8	9.7	7.2	4.7	4.2
September	35.1	296.2	331.3	72.5	403.8	18.7	6.5	7.0	10.4	7.5	5.1	4.4
October	33.8	273.4	307.2	61.4	368.6	18.5	6.1	6.6	9.0	6.9	4.9	4.1
November	38.6	262.7	301.3	48.9	350.3	21.1	5.8	6.4	7.4	6.6	5.6	3.9
December	50.1	271.9	322.0	65.7	387.7	23.2	6.0	6.7	9.6	7.1	7.3	4.0
2000												
January	51.0	293.6	344.6	62.5	407.1	23.4	6.5	7.3	9.3	7.6	7.4	4.3
February	45.8	280.7	326.5	66.1	392.6	22.4	6.2	6.9	9.7	7.2	6.7	4.1
FEMALES												
1998												
December	37.2	157.7	194.9	97.0	291.9	29.4	7.0	8.2	5.6	7.1	5.8	2.3
1999												
January	36.3	173.9	210.1	97.1	307.2	27.7	7.8	8.9	6.0	7.7	5.6	2.5
February	35.1	177.8	213.0	123.8	336.8	30.2	8.0	9.1	7.2	8.3	5.4	2.6
March	29.6	169.2	198.8	132.2	331.1	27.7	7.7	8.6	7.4	8.1	4.6	2.4
April	30.4	159.8	190.2	112.7	302.9	26.7	7.3	8.3	6.3	7.4	4.7	2.3
May	31.3	149.6	181.0	110.2	291.1	28.6	6.9	7.9	6.2	7.1	4.8	2.2
June	26.2	149.6	175.8	100.9	276.7	24.6	6.8	7.6	5.7	6.8	4.0	2.2
July	25.6	134.8	160.4	104.2	264.6	22.3	6.1	6.9	5.9	6.5	3.9	1.9
August	26.4	140.4	166.8	103.1	269.9	25.4	6.5	7.3	5.8	6.7	4.1	2.0
September	28.7	159.0	187.7	121.8	309.5	26.1	7.1	8.0	6.6	7.4	4.4	2.3
October	26.7	147.2	173.9	100.4	274.4	24.1	6.5	7.4	5.6	6.6	4.1	2.1
November	29.2	138.3	167.5	92.1	259.6	25.7	6.2	7.1	5.1	6.2	4.5	2.0
December	37.8	146.9	184.7	94.8	279.5	27.7	6.4	7.5	5.3	6.6	5.8	2.1
2000												
January	32.7	155.8	188.5	100.7	289.2	24.3	6.9	7.9	6.0	7.1	5.0	2.2
February	31.8	169.1	200.8	125.2	326.1	25.1	7.5	8.4	6.9	7.8	4.8	2.4
PERSONS												
1998												
December	89.8	459.7	549.5	154.7	704.3	26.5	6.8	7.8	6.4	7.4	6.8	3.4
1999												
January	89.0	510.6	599.7	154.8	754.5	26.2	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.7	3.8
February	79.6	514.4	594.0	186.9	780.9	24.9	7.7	8.4	7.8	8.3	6.0	3.8
March	72.2	462.4	534.6	201.8	736.4	24.7	6.9	7.7	8.1	7.8	5.4	3.4
April	71.2	456.3	527.5	177.7	705.2	23.6	6.9	7.6	7.2	7.5	5.4	3.4
May	69.5	443.8	513.2	175.5	688.8	24.0	6.7	7.4	7.0	7.3	5.2	3.3
June	65.3	432.5	497.8	150.7	648.5	23.0	6.5	7.2	6.0	6.9	4.9	3.2
July	58.4	404.2	462.6	161.4	624.0	19.2	6.0	6.6	6.6	6.6	4.4	3.0
August	58.7	424.6	483.2	169.6	652.8	20.9	6.4	7.0	6.9	7.0	4.4	3.1
September	63.8	455.2	519.0	194.3	713.3	21.4	6.7	7.3	7.6	7.4	4.8	3.3
October	60.5	420.6	481.1	161.9	643.0	20.6	6.2	6.8	6.5	6.7	4.5	3.1
November	67.8	401.0	468.8	141.1	609.9	22.9	6.0	6.7	5.7	6.4	5.1	2.9
December	87.9	418.8	506.7	160.5	667.2	25.0	6.1	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.6	3.0
2000												
January	83.8	449.4	533.2	163.2	696.3	23.7	6.7	7.5	6.9	7.4	6.2	3.3
February	77.6	449.7	527.3	191.4	718.7	23.4	6.6	7.4	7.7	7.5	5.8	3.3

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted(a)

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1998												
December	44.2	315.6	359.8	55.1	415.0	23.2	7.1	7.8	8.1	7.8	6.5	4.8
1999												
January	43.3	315.3	358.6	55.0	413.6	23.3	7.1	7.7	8.1	7.8	6.4	4.7
February	40.8	309.1	349.9	57.5	407.4	21.3	6.9	7.5	8.4	7.6	6.0	4.6
March	41.8	286.8	328.6	60.7	389.3	22.6	6.4	7.1	8.8	7.3	6.2	4.3
April	41.5	302.6	344.1	62.6	406.8	22.1	6.8	7.4	9.0	7.6	6.1	4.5
May	38.6	299.1	337.7	66.7	404.4	20.7	6.7	7.3	9.6	7.6	5.7	4.5
June	39.9	292.6	332.5	56.7	389.2	21.2	6.5	7.1	8.2	7.3	5.9	4.4
July	36.0	274.9	310.8	64.4	375.2	19.0	6.1	6.7	9.3	7.0	5.3	4.1
August	36.1	284.5	320.6	69.8	390.5	19.0	6.3	6.8	10.1	7.3	5.3	4.2
September	38.1	287.8	325.9	66.3	392.2	19.6	6.4	6.9	9.8	7.3	5.6	4.3
October	38.2	288.5	326.7	64.2	390.9	20.1	6.4	7.0	9.4	7.3	5.6	4.3
November	41.8	268.4	310.2	55.9	366.0	21.5	6.0	6.6	8.4	6.8	6.1	4.0
December	42.0	284.4	326.4	62.6	388.9	21.7	6.3	6.9	9.2	7.2	6.1	4.2
2000												
January	42.0	275.2	317.2	60.2	377.4	21.6	6.1	6.8	8.6	7.0	6.1	4.1
February	42.2	257.6	299.8	60.3	360.1	21.8	5.7	6.4	8.6	6.6	6.1	3.8
FEMALES												
1998												
December	29.6	164.0	193.7	102.7	296.4	27.1	7.4	8.3	5.9	7.3	4.6	2.4
1999												
January	29.3	165.8	195.2	98.7	293.9	26.6	7.5	8.4	5.7	7.2	4.5	2.4
February	30.2	155.5	185.7	106.9	292.6	28.1	7.0	8.0	6.1	7.2	4.7	2.2
March	28.8	160.7	189.5	117.5	307.0	26.3	7.3	8.2	6.7	7.6	4.5	2.3
April	30.9	158.2	189.2	107.8	296.9	26.6	7.2	8.2	6.1	7.3	4.8	2.3
May	31.5	152.1	183.6	110.9	294.4	27.3	6.9	7.9	6.3	7.2	4.9	2.2
June	30.1	154.1	184.2	109.5	293.7	25.9	6.9	7.9	6.2	7.2	4.6	2.2
July	30.4	141.2	171.5	112.6	284.1	26.2	6.4	7.4	6.3	6.9	4.7	2.0
August	30.1	146.6	176.7	110.3	287.0	26.2	6.6	7.6	6.1	7.0	4.6	2.1
September	31.8	156.8	188.7	112.9	301.6	27.4	7.1	8.1	6.3	7.3	4.9	2.2
October	30.3	152.0	182.2	102.6	284.8	26.1	6.8	7.7	5.7	6.8	4.6	2.2
November	30.3	148.1	178.4	101.5	279.9	25.4	6.6	7.6	5.6	6.7	4.6	2.1
December	30.1	152.6	182.8	100.7	283.4	25.4	6.7	7.7	5.6	6.8	4.6	2.2
2000												
January	26.6	148.7	175.3	102.1	277.4	23.3	6.6	7.4	5.7	6.6	4.1	2.1
February	27.3	147.9	175.2	108.2	283.4	23.3	6.6	7.4	5.9	6.8	4.2	2.1
PERSONS												
1998												
December	73.8	479.6	553.5	157.9	711.3	24.6	7.2	8.0	6.5	7.6	5.6	3.5
1999												
January	72.6	481.2	553.8	153.7	707.5	24.5	7.2	7.9	6.4	7.5	5.5	3.5
February	70.9	464.6	535.6	164.4	700.0	23.7	7.0	7.7	6.8	7.4	5.4	3.4
March	70.7	447.5	518.2	178.2	696.3	24.0	6.7	7.4	7.3	7.4	5.3	3.3
April	72.4	460.9	533.3	170.4	703.7	23.8	6.9	7.6	7.0	7.5	5.5	3.4
May	70.1	451.2	521.3	177.6	698.8	23.3	6.8	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.3	3.3
June	70.0	446.7	516.7	166.2	682.9	23.0	6.7	7.4	6.8	7.2	5.3	3.3
July	66.3	416.0	482.4	177.0	659.3	21.7	6.2	6.9	7.1	7.0	5.0	3.0
August	66.3	431.1	497.4	180.1	677.4	21.7	6.4	7.1	7.3	7.1	5.0	3.1
September	69.9	444.7	514.5	179.2	693.7	22.5	6.6	7.3	7.2	7.3	5.2	3.2
October	68.5	440.4	508.9	166.8	675.8	22.4	6.5	7.2	6.7	7.1	5.1	3.2
November	72.1	416.5	488.5	157.4	645.9	23.0	6.2	6.9	6.4	6.8	5.4	3.0
December	72.1	437.0	509.1	163.2	672.3	23.1	6.4	7.2	6.6	7.0	5.4	3.2
2000												
January	68.5	424.0	492.5	162.3	654.8	22.2	6.3	7.0	6.5	6.9	5.1	3.1
February	69.5	405.5	475.0	168.5	643.5	22.4	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.2	2.9

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend(a)

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1998												
December	44.5	314.7	359.2	56.5	415.7	23.5	7.1	7.7	8.4	7.8	6.6	4.7
1999												
January	43.1	310.7	353.8	57.2	411.0	22.8	7.0	7.6	8.4	7.7	6.4	4.7
February	42.1	306.5	348.5	58.3	406.9	22.4	6.9	7.5	8.5	7.6	6.2	4.6
March	41.2	301.7	342.9	59.7	402.6	22.0	6.8	7.4	8.7	7.5	6.1	4.5
April	40.3	296.8	337.1	61.1	398.3	21.5	6.6	7.2	8.8	7.4	5.9	4.4
May	39.2	292.7	331.9	62.8	394.7	20.9	6.5	7.1	9.0	7.4	5.8	4.4
June	38.2	289.5	327.7	64.2	391.9	20.3	6.5	7.0	9.2	7.3	5.6	4.3
July	37.5	286.9	324.4	64.9	389.3	19.8	6.4	6.9	9.4	7.3	5.5	4.3
August	37.4	285.1	322.4	65.0	387.4	19.6	6.3	6.9	9.5	7.2	5.5	4.2
September	38.0	283.4	321.4	64.4	385.8	19.8	6.3	6.9	9.4	7.2	5.6	4.2
October	39.1	281.7	320.7	63.3	384.1	20.3	6.3	6.8	9.3	7.1	5.7	4.2
November	40.3	279.3	319.6	62.1	381.7	20.9	6.2	6.8	9.1	7.1	5.9	4.1
December	41.3	275.9	317.2	60.8	378.1	21.4	6.1	6.7	8.9	7.0	6.0	4.1
2000												
January	42.2	272.2	314.4	59.9	374.2	21.8	6.0	6.7	8.7	6.9	6.1	4.0
February	42.8	267.8	310.6	59.1	369.7	22.0	5.9	6.6	8.5	6.9	6.2	4.0
FEMALES												
1998												
December	30.5	164.1	194.6	106.7	301.3	28.1	7.4	8.4	6.1	7.4	4.7	2.4
1999												
January	29.9	162.5	192.4	107.2	299.7	27.4	7.4	8.3	6.2	7.4	4.6	2.4
February	29.8	160.9	190.7	107.8	298.5	27.0	7.3	8.2	6.2	7.3	4.6	2.3
March	29.9	158.6	188.5	108.7	297.2	26.7	7.2	8.1	6.2	7.3	4.6	2.3
April	30.1	155.7	185.8	110.1	295.9	26.6	7.1	8.0	6.3	7.3	4.7	2.2
May	30.4	152.8	183.2	111.4	294.6	26.6	6.9	7.9	6.3	7.2	4.7	2.2
June	30.6	150.7	181.3	111.9	293.2	26.5	6.8	7.8	6.3	7.2	4.7	2.2
July	30.8	149.5	180.3	111.2	291.5	26.5	6.8	7.8	6.2	7.1	4.7	2.1
August	30.9	149.3	180.2	109.7	289.9	26.5	6.7	7.7	6.1	7.0	4.7	2.1
September	30.7	149.9	180.6	107.8	288.4	26.4	6.7	7.7	6.0	7.0	4.7	2.1
October	30.4	150.6	181.0	105.7	286.7	26.0	6.7	7.7	5.9	6.9	4.7	2.2
November	29.8	150.9	180.7	104.0	284.7	25.5	6.7	7.6	5.8	6.8	4.6	2.2
December	29.1	150.5	179.7	103.0	282.6	24.9	6.7	7.6	5.7	6.8	4.4	2.1
2000												
January	28.3	150.1	178.4	102.6	281.0	24.2	6.6	7.5	5.7	6.7	4.3	2.1
February	27.6	149.0	176.6	102.9	279.5	23.6	6.6	7.4	5.7	6.7	4.2	2.1
PERSONS												
1998												
December	75.0	478.8	553.8	163.1	717.0	25.2	7.2	7.9	6.7	7.6	5.7	3.5
1999												
January	73.0	473.2	546.2	164.4	710.6	24.5	7.1	7.8	6.8	7.6	5.5	3.5
February	71.8	467.3	539.2	166.2	705.4	24.1	7.0	7.7	6.8	7.5	5.4	3.4
March	71.1	460.3	531.4	168.4	699.8	23.8	6.9	7.6	6.9	7.4	5.4	3.4
April	70.4	452.5	522.9	171.2	694.1	23.5	6.8	7.5	7.0	7.4	5.3	3.3
May	69.7	445.5	515.2	174.1	689.3	23.1	6.7	7.4	7.1	7.3	5.2	3.3
June	68.8	440.2	509.1	176.0	685.1	22.7	6.6	7.3	7.1	7.3	5.2	3.2
July	68.3	436.4	504.7	176.1	680.8	22.4	6.5	7.2	7.1	7.2	5.1	3.2
August	68.2	434.4	502.6	174.6	677.3	22.3	6.5	7.2	7.1	7.1	5.1	3.2
September	68.7	433.3	502.0	172.2	674.1	22.3	6.4	7.1	6.9	7.1	5.1	3.2
October	69.5	432.3	501.7	169.1	670.8	22.5	6.4	7.1	6.8	7.0	5.2	3.1
November	70.1	430.2	500.3	166.0	666.3	22.6	6.4	7.1	6.7	7.0	5.2	3.1
December	70.4	426.5	496.9	163.8	660.7	22.7	6.3	7.0	6.6	6.9	5.3	3.1
2000												
January	70.5	422.2	492.8	162.5	655.2	22.7	6.2	7.0	6.5	6.8	5.3	3.1
February	70.4	416.8	487.2	162.0	649.2	22.6	6.2	6.9	6.5	6.8	5.2	3.0

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total								
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	145.2	38.1	183.3	37.9	* 2.0	39.9	223.2	28.4	251.6	17.9	88.7
Females	84.5	59.8	144.2	27.8	4.7	32.4	176.7	30.1	206.7	18.4	85.5
Persons	229.6	97.9	327.5	65.7	6.7	72.3	399.9	58.4	458.3	18.1	87.2
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	11.9	44.4	56.3	4.5	11.6	16.1	72.4	45.1	117.5	22.3	61.6
Females	9.4	70.3	79.7	* 2.6	12.5	15.1	94.7	39.3	134.1	15.9	70.7
Persons	21.2	114.7	135.9	7.1	24.1	31.2	167.1	84.4	251.6	18.7	66.4
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	* 1.9	89.2	91.1	* 3.4	23.4	26.7	117.9	200.5	318.3	22.7	37.0
Females	* 0.9	106.6	107.5	* 1.4	24.4	25.8	133.3	182.0	315.2	19.3	42.3
Persons	* 2.8	195.8	198.7	4.8	47.8	52.5	251.2	382.4	633.6	20.9	39.6
TOTAL											
Males	159.0	171.7	330.7	45.8	36.9	82.8	413.5	273.9	687.4	20.0	60.1
Females	94.7	236.7	331.4	31.8	41.6	73.3	404.7	251.4	656.1	18.1	61.7
Persons	253.7	408.4	662.1	77.6	78.5	156.1	818.2	525.3	1 343.5	19.1	60.9

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
MALES											
New South Wales	1 503.6	190.4	1 694.0	95.8	18.0	113.8	1 807.8	713.1	2 520.9	6.3	71.7
Victoria	1 102.6	152.0	1 254.6	71.9	18.8	90.7	1 345.3	512.6	1 857.8	6.7	72.4
Queensland	813.2	120.1	933.3	73.9	12.6	86.5	1 019.9	360.8	1 380.7	8.5	73.9
South Australia	328.4	52.6	381.0	32.9	5.2	38.1	419.2	168.9	588.1	9.1	71.3
Western Australia	461.2	64.9	526.1	35.3	7.6	43.0	569.0	170.7	739.7	7.6	76.9
Tasmania	95.4	14.5	109.9	9.6	2.0	11.5	121.5	58.8	180.2	9.5	67.4
Northern Territory	43.0	5.5	48.5	2.8	* 0.8	3.6	52.1	21.1	73.2	6.9	71.2
Australian Capital Territory	73.2	13.8	86.9	4.2	1.2	5.4	92.3	24.3	116.6	5.8	79.2
Australia	4 420.6	613.8	5 034.3	326.5	66.1	392.6	5 427.0	2 030.2	7 457.2	7.2	72.8
FEMALES											
New South Wales	755.7	526.6	1 282.3	57.0	41.2	98.2	1 380.5	1 222.7	2 603.2	7.1	53.0
Victoria	546.2	419.6	965.8	49.9	34.2	84.1	1 049.9	887.6	1 937.5	8.0	54.2
Queensland	395.2	330.8	726.0	47.9	20.8	68.7	794.7	611.2	1 405.9	8.6	56.5
South Australia	154.9	136.7	291.5	19.6	10.8	30.4	322.0	292.2	614.2	9.5	52.4
Western Australia	211.5	188.1	399.6	17.0	11.6	28.6	428.2	311.8	739.9	6.7	57.9
Tasmania	43.9	43.6	87.5	5.5	3.1	8.6	96.2	93.9	190.0	9.0	50.6
Northern Territory	28.2	10.6	38.8	1.5	* 0.9	2.4	41.2	25.5	66.7	5.9	61.8
Australian Capital Territory	53.5	25.6	79.1	2.4	2.6	5.0	84.1	38.9	123.1	5.9	68.4
Australia	2 189.2	1 681.6	3 870.7	200.8	125.2	326.1	4 196.8	3 483.7	7 680.5	7.8	54.6
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2 259.3	717.0	2 976.3	152.8	59.2	212.0	3 188.3	1 935.7	5 124.0	6.6	62.2
Victoria	1 648.7	571.6	2 220.4	121.8	53.0	174.8	2 395.2	1 400.1	3 795.3	7.3	63.1
Queensland	1 208.4	451.0	1 659.4	121.8	33.4	155.2	1 814.6	972.0	2 786.6	8.6	65.1
South Australia	483.3	189.3	672.6	52.5	16.1	68.6	741.1	461.2	1 202.3	9.3	61.6
Western Australia	672.7	253.0	925.7	52.3	19.2	71.6	997.2	482.5	1 479.7	7.2	67.4
Tasmania	139.4	58.1	197.5	15.1	5.1	20.2	217.6	152.7	370.3	9.3	58.8
Northern Territory	71.3	16.0	87.3	4.4	1.6	6.0	93.3	46.5	139.9	6.4	66.7
Australian Capital Territory	126.7	39.4	166.1	6.6	3.7	10.3	176.4	63.2	239.6	5.9	73.6
Australia	6 609.8	2 295.3	8 905.1	527.3	191.4	718.7	9 623.8	5 513.9	15 137.7	7.5	63.6

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES												
1998												
December	28.4	136.5	165.0	43.2	208.1	26.5	6.0	6.9	5.8	6.6	6.5	3.0
1999												
January	27.4	159.7	187.1	43.7	230.9	24.2	7.1	7.9	6.2	7.5	6.3	3.5
February	23.0	157.9	180.9	56.7	237.5	21.5	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.6	5.2	3.4
March	21.8	145.4	167.2	67.6	234.8	22.5	6.5	7.1	8.6	7.5	5.0	3.2
April	20.5	137.5	158.1	55.9	214.0	21.1	6.1	6.8	7.2	6.9	4.7	3.0
May	19.0	131.2	150.2	50.0	200.1	20.1	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.4	4.3	2.8
June	15.8	128.1	143.9	45.7	189.6	18.1	5.7	6.1	5.9	6.1	3.6	2.8
July	14.6	121.8	136.4	41.4	177.8	14.4	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.7	3.3	2.6
August	16.8	134.0	150.8	51.2	202.0	19.5	5.9	6.4	6.7	6.5	3.8	2.9
September	18.9	140.0	158.9	63.5	222.4	19.8	6.0	6.6	8.0	6.9	4.3	3.0
October	15.3	123.3	138.6	44.0	182.6	15.9	5.3	5.8	5.9	5.8	3.5	2.6
November	18.6	113.4	131.9	35.0	167.0	20.7	4.9	5.5	4.7	5.3	4.2	2.4
December	29.4	120.5	149.9	47.1	197.0	26.0	5.1	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.6	2.6
2000												
January	24.9	135.2	160.1	40.5	200.6	21.4	5.8	6.6	5.8	6.4	5.6	2.9
February	22.9	129.9	152.8	59.2	212.0	20.8	5.6	6.3	7.6	6.6	5.2	2.8
VICTORIA												
1998												
December	18.6	110.6	129.2	46.3	175.4	24.8	6.6	7.4	7.5	7.4	5.8	3.2
1999												
January	19.8	121.3	141.2	41.0	182.2	27.8	7.3	8.1	7.1	7.9	6.2	3.6
February	16.5	132.6	149.1	48.3	197.4	24.3	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.4	5.1	3.9
March	14.7	115.3	130.0	49.3	179.3	23.6	6.9	7.5	8.0	7.6	4.6	3.4
April	17.0	120.2	137.3	47.8	185.1	28.7	7.2	8.0	7.6	7.9	5.3	3.5
May	13.8	118.6	132.3	49.9	182.2	24.9	7.1	7.7	7.9	7.8	4.3	3.5
June	13.5	118.4	131.9	36.6	168.4	24.4	7.1	7.6	5.7	7.1	4.2	3.4
July	11.9	107.5	119.4	50.1	169.4	20.4	6.4	6.8	7.9	7.1	3.7	3.1
August	11.3	107.4	118.7	47.1	165.8	20.4	6.5	6.9	7.5	7.1	3.5	3.1
September	12.8	115.5	128.3	51.6	179.9	21.7	6.8	7.3	7.8	7.5	4.0	3.4
October	13.8	100.0	113.7	41.8	155.5	23.3	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.6	4.3	2.9
November	14.6	98.6	113.2	42.1	155.3	24.5	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.6	4.5	2.9
December	18.0	100.3	118.3	47.0	165.3	23.8	5.9	6.6	7.3	6.8	5.5	2.9
2000												
January	20.8	100.6	121.4	47.3	168.7	26.7	6.0	7.0	7.9	7.2	6.4	2.9
February	16.8	105.0	121.8	53.0	174.8	24.9	6.2	6.9	8.5	7.3	5.2	3.0
QUEENSLAND												
1998												
December	19.8	97.8	117.6	28.5	146.0	27.5	7.8	8.8	6.2	8.2	7.8	4.0
1999												
January	18.4	101.2	119.6	33.2	152.8	26.0	8.1	9.0	7.6	8.7	7.2	4.1
February	20.4	98.9	119.2	39.3	158.6	29.7	8.0	9.1	8.5	8.9	7.9	4.0
March	17.3	90.6	107.9	37.1	145.0	27.5	7.3	8.3	7.9	8.2	6.7	3.7
April	16.9	90.9	107.7	34.3	142.0	24.8	7.3	8.2	7.2	7.9	6.6	3.7
May	17.8	92.8	110.5	35.5	146.1	27.7	7.5	8.5	7.3	8.2	6.9	3.7
June	16.9	88.9	105.9	35.8	141.6	25.8	7.1	8.0	7.5	7.9	6.6	3.6
July	15.8	84.3	100.0	33.0	133.0	24.0	6.7	7.6	7.1	7.5	6.1	3.4
August	12.5	85.2	97.7	35.5	133.3	19.6	6.9	7.6	7.4	7.5	4.8	3.4
September	13.7	94.1	107.8	39.7	147.5	20.6	7.5	8.2	8.3	8.2	5.3	3.8
October	15.7	96.4	112.2	35.8	147.9	24.8	7.7	8.5	7.5	8.2	6.1	3.8
November	15.6	88.4	104.0	30.0	134.0	23.2	7.0	7.9	6.2	7.4	6.0	3.5
December	19.1	99.7	118.8	30.6	149.4	25.1	7.8	8.8	6.4	8.2	7.3	4.0
2000												
January	16.7	101.0	117.7	36.9	154.6	22.4	8.0	8.8	8.1	8.6	6.4	4.0
February	15.5	106.4	121.8	33.4	155.2	22.7	8.4	9.2	6.9	8.6	5.9	4.2

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
1998												
December	7.6	48.4	56.0	10.8	66.8	31.5	9.6	10.6	5.3	9.1	7.6	4.4
1999												
January	8.7	53.7	62.4	12.5	74.9	35.5	10.7	11.9	6.5	10.4	8.7	4.9
February	7.0	49.3	56.2	12.6	68.9	30.0	9.8	10.7	6.4	9.5	7.0	4.5
March	8.1	44.2	52.4	13.9	66.3	36.3	8.8	10.0	6.9	9.1	8.1	4.0
April	6.1	41.8	47.9	11.3	59.2	27.2	8.5	9.3	5.6	8.3	6.1	3.8
May	7.6	39.8	47.3	16.4	63.7	31.1	8.0	9.1	8.1	8.8	7.5	3.6
June	7.4	37.2	44.6	11.5	56.0	31.9	7.6	8.7	5.5	7.8	7.3	3.4
July	5.9	34.9	40.8	13.6	54.4	24.3	7.1	7.9	6.6	7.6	5.9	3.2
August	6.8	40.8	47.6	13.4	61.0	31.0	8.3	9.3	6.5	8.5	6.8	3.7
September	5.8	39.6	45.4	15.1	60.5	26.7	8.0	8.8	7.0	8.3	5.8	3.6
October	5.9	41.7	47.6	14.9	62.4	26.8	8.5	9.2	7.0	8.6	5.8	3.8
November	7.6	37.8	45.4	10.4	55.8	32.5	7.7	8.8	4.9	7.7	7.5	3.4
December	8.3	38.1	46.4	12.8	59.2	31.4	7.5	8.7	5.9	7.9	8.2	3.5
2000												
January	7.8	41.7	49.5	12.2	61.7	31.6	8.5	9.6	5.7	8.5	7.7	3.8
February	8.8	43.7	52.5	16.1	68.6	32.5	8.6	9.8	7.8	9.3	8.6	4.0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
1998												
December	9.1	45.1	54.2	16.5	70.7	22.0	6.7	7.5	6.4	7.2	6.8	3.4
1999												
January	9.0	48.2	57.2	16.8	74.0	21.8	7.2	8.1	6.8	7.7	6.7	3.7
February	8.0	50.4	58.4	20.8	79.2	22.0	7.6	8.3	7.9	8.2	5.9	3.8
March	5.9	41.9	47.8	22.6	70.4	18.0	6.4	7.0	8.1	7.3	4.3	3.2
April	7.1	43.2	50.3	19.9	70.2	18.4	6.6	7.2	7.3	7.3	5.2	3.3
May	7.6	39.9	47.5	13.9	61.4	21.6	6.1	6.9	5.2	6.4	5.6	3.0
June	8.0	39.7	47.7	12.8	60.5	21.5	6.0	6.9	4.8	6.3	5.8	3.0
July	7.5	35.6	43.1	15.1	58.2	19.3	5.4	6.2	5.7	6.0	5.5	2.7
August	7.7	36.9	44.6	15.1	59.7	20.7	5.6	6.4	5.7	6.2	5.7	2.8
September	8.5	44.8	53.2	15.9	69.1	21.9	6.6	7.5	5.8	7.0	6.2	3.4
October	6.7	38.4	45.1	16.4	61.5	18.2	5.7	6.3	6.1	6.3	4.9	2.9
November	7.6	41.9	49.5	14.3	63.8	18.7	6.1	6.9	5.3	6.4	5.5	3.1
December	8.2	38.3	46.5	15.0	61.5	19.2	5.6	6.4	5.6	6.2	6.0	2.9
2000												
January	8.5	47.6	56.1	18.1	74.2	19.8	7.0	7.8	6.8	7.5	6.2	3.6
February	8.7	43.6	52.3	19.2	71.6	21.3	6.4	7.2	7.1	7.2	6.3	3.3
TASMANIA												
1998												
December	3.9	14.9	18.8	5.3	24.2	40.2	10.2	12.1	8.4	11.0	11.4	4.4
1999												
January	3.9	17.4	21.3	3.1	24.4	35.6	11.9	13.6	5.3	11.3	11.4	5.2
February	3.3	16.4	19.7	3.9	23.6	30.6	11.3	12.7	6.4	10.9	9.6	4.9
March	2.6	15.7	18.3	5.2	23.5	27.8	10.8	11.8	8.3	10.8	7.4	4.7
April	2.4	13.7	16.1	4.7	20.8	24.0	9.5	10.4	7.3	9.5	6.8	4.1
May	2.7	14.0	16.7	4.3	21.1	26.9	9.7	10.8	6.9	9.7	7.9	4.2
June	2.6	13.6	16.2	4.1	20.3	30.1	9.5	10.6	6.4	9.4	7.5	4.1
July	1.9	13.1	15.0	3.7	18.7	24.9	9.1	9.8	6.0	8.7	5.4	3.9
August	1.9	13.7	15.6	2.7	18.3	24.2	9.3	10.0	4.7	8.6	5.6	4.1
September	2.5	13.6	16.1	4.1	20.2	30.1	9.1	10.2	7.0	9.3	7.2	4.1
October	1.9	13.5	15.4	4.9	20.3	21.9	9.2	9.9	8.1	9.4	5.3	4.0
November	2.0	13.9	15.9	5.1	21.0	24.7	9.4	10.2	8.3	9.6	5.9	4.1
December	3.2	13.3	16.4	4.6	21.0	32.1	9.0	10.4	7.0	9.4	9.1	4.0
2000												
January	2.8	13.8	16.6	4.3	20.8	31.2	9.4	10.6	6.8	9.5	8.0	4.1
February	3.1	12.0	15.1	5.1	20.2	32.8	8.3	9.7	8.1	9.3	8.9	3.6

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
1998												
December	* 0.9	1.9	2.8	* 0.5	3.3	* 21.4	2.6	3.5	* 2.6	3.3	* 6.1	1.6
1999												
January	* 0.5	2.7	3.2	* 1.2	4.4	* 14.1	3.7	4.2	* 6.7	4.7	* 3.4	2.2
February	* 0.8	2.4	3.2	* 0.8	4.1	* 29.4	3.2	4.2	* 3.7	4.1	* 5.9	1.9
March	* 0.8	3.3	4.1	1.5	5.6	* 26.8	4.3	5.2	6.8	5.6	* 5.8	2.6
April	* 0.3	2.8	3.1	1.0	4.1	* 12.4	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.1	* 2.3	2.3
May	* 0.4	2.2	2.6	1.4	3.9	* 14.8	3.0	3.4	5.3	3.9	* 2.6	1.8
June	* 0.5	2.2	2.7	1.0	3.7	* 15.2	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.8	* 3.5	1.8
July	* 0.3	2.1	2.4	1.4	3.8	* 8.0	3.1	3.3	6.7	4.0	* 2.0	1.7
August	* 0.6	1.5	2.1	1.0	3.1	* 15.5	2.1	2.7	4.2	3.1	* 3.9	1.2
September	* 0.4	2.8	3.2	* 0.9	4.1	* 9.6	3.7	4.0	* 4.2	4.0	* 2.7	2.2
October	* 0.6	2.2	2.8	* 0.7	3.5	* 15.2	3.0	3.6	* 3.5	3.6	* 3.9	1.8
November	1.0	1.3	2.3	* 0.9	3.3	21.8	1.9	3.1	* 4.5	3.4	6.8	1.1
December	* 0.7	3.0	3.7	1.0	4.7	* 19.0	4.0	4.7	5.3	4.9	* 5.1	2.4
2000												
January	1.0	3.1	4.0	1.2	5.3	30.5	4.5	5.6	6.1	5.7	6.7	2.5
February	* 0.5	3.9	4.4	1.6	6.0	* 17.0	5.4	5.8	9.2	6.4	* 3.3	3.1
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
1998												
December	1.5	4.5	6.0	3.7	9.7	31.5	3.8	4.8	8.7	5.8	6.3	2.1
1999												
January	1.2	6.4	7.6	3.2	10.8	30.6	5.3	6.2	7.9	6.6	5.2	3.0
February	* 0.6	6.6	7.2	4.4	11.6	* 19.3	5.4	5.7	10.1	6.9	* 2.6	3.1
March	1.0	6.0	7.0	4.6	11.7	28.9	5.1	5.8	10.2	7.0	4.1	2.8
April	* 0.9	6.1	7.1	2.8	9.8	* 26.7	5.2	5.8	6.2	5.9	* 3.9	2.9
May	* 0.7	5.4	6.1	4.1	10.2	* 20.9	4.5	4.9	9.0	6.0	* 2.8	2.6
June	* 0.6	4.3	4.9	3.3	8.3	* 22.9	3.6	4.1	7.0	4.9	* 2.7	2.0
July	* 0.6	4.9	5.5	3.2	8.7	* 13.5	4.1	4.4	7.2	5.1	* 2.6	2.3
August	* 1.0	5.1	6.1	3.6	9.7	* 25.5	4.2	4.9	8.0	5.7	* 4.3	2.4
September	1.2	4.8	6.1	3.4	9.5	31.3	4.0	4.8	7.1	5.5	5.3	2.3
October	* 0.7	5.1	5.8	3.5	9.3	* 18.1	4.1	4.5	7.5	5.3	* 3.0	2.4
November	* 0.9	5.7	6.6	3.2	9.8	* 24.0	4.6	5.1	7.0	5.6	* 3.9	2.6
December	* 0.9	5.7	6.6	2.4	9.0	* 23.9	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	* 3.9	2.6
2000												
January	1.3	6.4	7.7	2.8	10.5	27.3	5.1	5.9	6.5	6.1	5.5	3.0
February	1.3	5.3	6.6	3.7	10.3	25.8	4.1	5.0	8.7	5.9	5.5	2.5

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
	MALES										
1998											
December	1 443.6	1 636.4	123.6	7.0	71.1	1 447.5	1 641.8	125.6	7.1	71.4	2 474.7
1999											
January	1 444.9	1 638.9	130.7	7.4	71.4	1 448.3	1 645.2	124.8	7.1	71.4	2 477.5
February	1 453.1	1 651.9	121.0	6.8	71.5	1 450.8	1 649.5	123.2	6.9	71.5	2 480.3
March	1 457.7	1 661.9	121.2	6.8	71.8	1 455.0	1 654.8	120.4	6.8	71.5	2 483.1
April	1 458.9	1 656.9	118.1	6.7	71.4	1 460.6	1 661.1	117.2	6.6	71.5	2 486.6
May	1 469.5	1 666.8	113.2	6.4	71.5	1 466.9	1 667.1	115.0	6.5	71.6	2 490.0
June	1 466.9	1 670.6	112.2	6.3	71.5	1 473.4	1 672.4	113.9	6.4	71.7	2 493.4
July	1 482.6	1 681.1	109.6	6.1	71.7	1 480.4	1 677.0	113.3	6.3	71.7	2 496.4
August	1 490.0	1 678.8	115.2	6.4	71.8	1 487.3	1 680.9	113.0	6.3	71.8	2 499.4
September	1 491.4	1 684.6	121.7	6.7	72.2	1 493.2	1 683.8	112.5	6.3	71.8	2 502.4
October	1 499.2	1 689.0	110.2	6.1	71.8	1 497.3	1 685.8	111.7	6.2	71.7	2 506.4
November	1 502.4	1 686.4	97.0	5.4	71.0	1 500.0	1 687.6	110.6	6.1	71.6	2 510.5
December	1 505.3	1 688.3	118.2	6.5	71.8	1 501.6	1 689.7	109.3	6.1	71.6	2 514.5
2000											
January	1 495.8	1 685.9	111.5	6.2	71.4	1 502.6	1 691.8	108.2	6.0	71.5	2 517.7
February	1 503.5	1 701.9	103.3	5.7	71.6	1 503.0	1 694.1	107.0	5.9	71.5	2 520.9
FEMALES											
1998											
December	743.4	1 253.9	87.5	6.5	52.4	739.0	1 245.9	93.4	7.0	52.3	2 562.5
1999											
January	737.2	1 247.9	86.9	6.5	52.0	737.4	1 246.6	92.7	6.9	52.2	2 565.1
February	743.2	1 255.9	88.4	6.6	52.4	737.0	1 247.7	92.2	6.9	52.2	2 567.7
March	734.9	1 242.3	98.4	7.3	52.2	737.5	1 249.0	91.7	6.8	52.2	2 570.2
April	729.3	1 246.3	94.7	7.1	52.1	738.7	1 250.1	91.5	6.8	52.1	2 573.2
May	740.1	1 253.7	90.7	6.7	52.2	740.1	1 251.3	91.5	6.8	52.1	2 576.1
June	752.6	1 256.2	89.4	6.6	52.2	741.8	1 253.4	91.0	6.8	52.1	2 579.1
July	746.1	1 257.1	82.4	6.2	51.9	743.7	1 257.1	89.9	6.7	52.2	2 582.0
August	740.3	1 257.3	93.1	6.9	52.2	746.3	1 261.2	88.5	6.6	52.2	2 584.9
September	743.3	1 264.4	96.1	7.1	52.6	749.7	1 266.1	86.9	6.4	52.3	2 587.9
October	757.5	1 277.9	79.8	5.9	52.4	753.8	1 271.5	85.1	6.3	52.3	2 591.3
November	755.5	1 274.1	79.9	5.9	52.2	758.5	1 277.8	83.1	6.1	52.4	2 594.8
December	768.1	1 283.2	81.7	6.0	52.5	763.1	1 284.1	81.3	6.0	52.6	2 598.3
2000											
January	774.1	1 288.0	78.0	5.7	52.5	766.8	1 290.1	80.1	5.8	52.7	2 600.7
February	761.0	1 302.6	83.1	6.0	53.2	769.6	1 295.4	78.8	5.7	52.8	2 603.2
PERSONS											
1998											
December	2 187.0	2 890.3	211.1	6.8	61.6	2 186.5	2 887.6	218.9	7.0	61.7	5 037.2
1999											
January	2 182.0	2 886.8	217.6	7.0	61.6	2 185.7	2 891.8	217.5	7.0	61.7	5 042.6
February	2 196.3	2 907.8	209.3	6.7	61.8	2 187.8	2 897.2	215.4	6.9	61.7	5 048.0
March	2 192.6	2 904.2	219.6	7.0	61.8	2 192.5	2 903.8	212.1	6.8	61.7	5 053.4
April	2 188.2	2 903.2	212.7	6.8	61.6	2 199.3	2 911.2	208.7	6.7	61.7	5 059.8
May	2 209.6	2 920.5	203.8	6.5	61.7	2 206.9	2 918.4	206.5	6.6	61.7	5 066.1
June	2 219.5	2 926.9	201.6	6.4	61.7	2 215.1	2 925.8	205.0	6.5	61.7	5 072.5
July	2 228.6	2 938.2	192.1	6.1	61.6	2 224.1	2 934.1	203.2	6.5	61.8	5 078.5
August	2 230.4	2 936.1	208.2	6.6	61.8	2 233.6	2 942.1	201.4	6.4	61.8	5 084.4
September	2 234.7	2 948.9	217.8	6.9	62.2	2 242.9	2 949.9	199.4	6.3	61.9	5 090.3
October	2 256.7	2 967.0	190.0	6.0	61.9	2 251.1	2 957.4	196.8	6.2	61.9	5 097.8
November	2 257.9	2 960.5	176.9	5.6	61.5	2 258.5	2 965.4	193.7	6.1	61.9	5 105.3
December	2 273.4	2 971.5	199.9	6.3	62.0	2 264.7	2 973.8	190.6	6.0	61.9	5 112.8
2000											
January	2 269.9	2 974.0	189.5	6.0	61.8	2 269.4	2 981.9	188.3	5.9	61.9	5 118.4
February	2 264.5	3 004.5	186.4	5.8	62.3	2 272.6	2 989.5	185.9	5.9	62.0	5 124.0

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%		'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
1998											
December	1 061.1	1 218.9	100.3	7.6	72.3	1 066.2	1 225.0	100.6	7.6	72.7	1 824.1
1999											
January	1 060.9	1 226.9	101.0	7.6	72.7	1 068.1	1 226.2	101.1	7.6	72.7	1 826.2
February	1 079.0	1 232.4	101.7	7.6	73.0	1 069.9	1 227.8	102.4	7.7	72.8	1 828.4
March	1 086.9	1 237.3	95.6	7.2	72.8	1 071.5	1 229.9	104.1	7.8	72.9	1 830.5
April	1 065.5	1 229.8	113.9	8.5	73.3	1 072.8	1 232.1	105.5	7.9	73.0	1 832.9
May	1 059.6	1 216.6	110.7	8.3	72.3	1 074.1	1 234.4	105.8	7.9	73.0	1 835.3
June	1 077.6	1 247.7	101.9	7.6	73.4	1 075.5	1 236.9	104.6	7.8	73.0	1 837.7
July	1 081.7	1 242.6	100.4	7.5	73.0	1 077.3	1 239.1	102.3	7.6	72.9	1 840.0
August	1 084.3	1 239.9	100.1	7.5	72.7	1 078.8	1 240.5	99.5	7.4	72.7	1 842.3
September	1 080.9	1 243.5	96.5	7.2	72.6	1 079.6	1 240.8	96.8	7.2	72.5	1 844.7
October	1 078.3	1 242.1	91.9	6.9	72.2	1 079.5	1 240.5	94.6	7.1	72.3	1 847.6
November	1 072.6	1 230.9	93.4	7.1	71.6	1 079.3	1 240.5	92.8	7.0	72.0	1 850.5
December	1 081.6	1 244.1	95.0	7.1	72.3	1 080.4	1 241.8	90.7	6.8	71.9	1 853.5
2000											
January	1 077.4	1 240.1	87.3	6.6	71.5	1 082.4	1 244.0	88.6	6.6	71.8	1 855.6
February	1 095.9	1 255.9	83.3	6.2	72.1	1 084.8	1 246.5	86.6	6.5	71.8	1 857.8
FEMALES											
1998											
December	529.6	938.8	74.9	7.4	53.2	530.9	940.0	77.0	7.6	53.4	1 905.3
1999											
January	535.7	943.2	72.9	7.2	53.3	530.5	939.0	75.3	7.4	53.2	1 907.2
February	529.7	940.1	76.7	7.5	53.3	529.8	938.6	74.4	7.3	53.1	1 909.2
March	531.5	940.4	75.1	7.4	53.1	529.1	939.1	74.1	7.3	53.0	1 911.2
April	524.8	935.3	72.8	7.2	52.7	528.0	940.4	74.1	7.3	53.0	1 913.5
May	525.9	941.6	74.0	7.3	53.0	527.5	943.2	74.3	7.3	53.1	1 915.9
June	527.6	946.8	73.4	7.2	53.2	527.7	947.7	74.5	7.3	53.3	1 918.2
July	530.3	957.5	78.0	7.5	53.9	529.1	953.7	74.4	7.2	53.5	1 920.6
August	533.4	959.0	71.4	6.9	53.6	531.8	960.2	73.9	7.1	53.8	1 922.9
September	533.1	965.0	75.6	7.3	54.1	535.2	965.9	73.2	7.0	54.0	1 925.3
October	536.5	973.4	72.4	6.9	54.2	538.9	970.2	72.5	7.0	54.1	1 928.0
November	541.1	972.2	69.9	6.7	54.0	542.3	973.2	72.1	6.9	54.1	1 930.7
December	552.9	981.1	70.4	6.7	54.4	545.3	975.4	72.1	6.9	54.2	1 933.4
2000											
January	548.9	972.2	73.9	7.1	54.1	547.6	976.9	72.3	6.9	54.2	1 935.4
February	544.1	976.7	74.4	7.1	54.3	549.1	977.9	72.9	6.9	54.3	1 937.5
PERSONS											
1998											
December	1 590.8	2 157.7	175.3	7.5	62.6	1 597.1	2 165.0	177.6	7.6	62.8	3 729.4
1999											
January	1 596.6	2 170.1	173.9	7.4	62.8	1 598.6	2 165.2	176.4	7.5	62.7	3 733.5
February	1 608.6	2 172.5	178.3	7.6	62.9	1 599.8	2 166.4	176.8	7.5	62.7	3 737.6
March	1 618.4	2 177.7	170.7	7.3	62.8	1 600.6	2 169.0	178.2	7.6	62.7	3 741.8
April	1 590.2	2 165.0	186.8	7.9	62.8	1 600.9	2 172.4	179.6	7.6	62.8	3 746.5
May	1 585.5	2 158.2	184.7	7.9	62.5	1 601.6	2 177.6	180.1	7.6	62.9	3 751.2
June	1 605.2	2 194.5	175.4	7.4	63.1	1 603.2	2 184.6	179.2	7.6	62.9	3 755.9
July	1 611.9	2 200.1	178.5	7.5	63.3	1 606.4	2 192.8	176.7	7.5	63.0	3 760.6
August	1 617.7	2 198.8	171.5	7.2	63.0	1 610.5	2 200.7	173.4	7.3	63.1	3 765.3
September	1 614.0	2 208.5	172.2	7.2	63.1	1 614.8	2 206.7	170.0	7.2	63.0	3 770.0
October	1 614.8	2 215.5	164.3	6.9	63.0	1 618.4	2 210.7	167.2	7.0	63.0	3 775.6
November	1 613.7	2 203.1	163.3	6.9	62.6	1 621.6	2 213.7	164.9	6.9	62.9	3 781.2
December	1 634.5	2 225.2	165.4	6.9	63.1	1 625.7	2 217.2	162.7	6.8	62.9	3 786.8
2000											
January	1 626.3	2 212.3	161.2	6.8	62.6	1 630.0	2 221.0	160.8	6.8	62.8	3 791.1
February	1 639.9	2 232.6	157.8	6.6	63.0	1 633.9	2 224.4	159.5	6.7	62.8	3 795.3

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Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	
	MALES												
1998													
December	800.6	923.2	83.0	8.2	74.6	803.5	922.7	82.1	8.2	74.5			1 349.0
1999													
January	806.6	924.6	78.3	7.8	74.2	805.1	924.8	80.3	8.0	74.4			1 351.4
February	804.9	922.8	81.9	8.2	74.2	806.2	925.9	79.5	7.9	74.3			1 353.7
March	808.2	928.0	74.7	7.5	73.9	807.5	926.7	79.4	7.9	74.2			1 356.1
April	810.3	929.6	80.4	8.0	74.4	809.6	927.5	79.9	7.9	74.2			1 358.2
May	805.9	926.2	83.9	8.3	74.3	812.0	927.7	80.5	8.0	74.1			1 360.3
June	817.4	927.3	81.7	8.1	74.1	814.0	927.3	81.1	8.0	74.0			1 362.4
July	816.9	924.4	80.2	8.0	73.6	815.4	926.4	81.2	8.1	73.8			1 364.6
August	819.1	933.5	79.1	7.8	74.1	816.2	925.4	81.1	8.1	73.6			1 366.8
September	817.4	922.1	82.2	8.2	73.4	816.2	925.1	81.0	8.0	73.5			1 369.1
October	805.4	914.4	83.4	8.4	72.7	815.6	925.8	81.0	8.0	73.4			1 371.6
November	820.4	936.1	76.2	7.5	73.7	814.9	927.4	81.1	8.0	73.4			1 374.1
December	818.2	927.7	83.5	8.3	73.5	814.3	929.6	81.2	8.0	73.4			1 376.6
2000													
January	811.3	932.2	83.7	8.2	73.7	813.8	932.0	81.2	8.0	73.5			1 378.6
February	811.9	937.2	78.5	7.7	73.6	813.2	933.9	81.1	8.0	73.5			1 380.7
FEMALES													
1998													
December	390.3	700.2	63.6	8.3	55.6	389.8	702.4	63.7	8.3	55.8			1 373.8
1999													
January	395.0	708.2	66.1	8.5	56.3	391.6	704.5	63.4	8.3	55.8			1 376.2
February	385.6	702.4	59.9	7.9	55.3	393.4	707.0	63.0	8.2	55.8			1 378.7
March	395.2	706.2	63.8	8.3	55.8	394.7	709.6	62.6	8.1	55.9			1 381.2
April	401.1	717.1	60.8	7.8	56.2	395.1	712.1	62.3	8.0	56.0			1 383.3
May	392.6	717.3	63.1	8.1	56.3	394.9	714.5	62.0	8.0	56.0			1 385.4
June	397.0	714.4	64.5	8.3	56.1	394.3	716.5	62.1	8.0	56.1			1 387.5
July	394.2	716.9	61.5	7.9	56.0	393.4	718.2	62.7	8.0	56.2			1 389.7
August	385.6	720.0	58.5	7.5	55.9	392.7	720.1	63.8	8.1	56.3			1 391.9
September	393.1	720.9	65.5	8.3	56.4	392.9	722.2	64.8	8.2	56.4			1 394.1
October	398.9	726.2	70.8	8.9	57.1	394.0	724.6	65.5	8.3	56.6			1 396.6
November	392.9	726.0	65.3	8.2	56.6	395.2	726.8	65.6	8.3	56.6			1 399.1
December	395.2	731.6	66.2	8.3	56.9	396.3	728.6	65.1	8.2	56.6			1 401.6
2000													
January	401.1	728.3	62.5	7.9	56.3	397.2	730.0	64.2	8.1	56.6			1 403.8
February	395.0	730.4	60.3	7.6	56.2	398.0	730.9	63.1	8.0	56.5			1 405.9
PERSONS													
1998													
December	1 190.8	1 623.4	146.6	8.3	65.0	1 193.4	1 625.1	145.8	8.2	65.0			2 722.8
1999													
January	1 201.6	1 632.8	144.4	8.1	65.2	1 196.7	1 629.3	143.6	8.1	65.0			2 727.6
February	1 190.5	1 625.2	141.8	8.0	64.7	1 199.6	1 632.9	142.5	8.0	65.0			2 732.4
March	1 203.5	1 634.2	138.6	7.8	64.8	1 202.2	1 636.2	142.1	8.0	65.0			2 737.3
April	1 211.4	1 646.7	141.2	7.9	65.2	1 204.8	1 639.5	142.2	8.0	65.0			2 741.5
May	1 198.5	1 643.6	147.0	8.2	65.2	1 206.9	1 642.2	142.6	8.0	65.0			2 745.7
June	1 214.5	1 641.7	146.3	8.2	65.0	1 208.3	1 643.8	143.1	8.0	65.0			2 749.9
July	1 211.1	1 641.2	141.7	7.9	64.7	1 208.7	1 644.6	143.9	8.0	64.9			2 754.3
August	1 204.7	1 653.5	137.6	7.7	64.9	1 208.9	1 645.5	144.9	8.1	64.9			2 758.7
September	1 210.4	1 643.0	147.7	8.2	64.8	1 209.1	1 647.2	145.8	8.1	64.9			2 763.2
October	1 204.3	1 640.6	154.2	8.6	64.8	1 209.6	1 650.4	146.5	8.2	64.9			2 768.2
November	1 213.2	1 662.1	141.4	7.8	65.0	1 210.1	1 654.3	146.8	8.1	64.9			2 773.2
December	1 213.3	1 659.3	149.8	8.3	65.1	1 210.6	1 658.2	146.3	8.1	65.0			2 778.2
2000													
January	1 212.4	1 660.5	146.2	8.1	64.9	1 210.9	1 661.9	145.4	8.0	65.0			2 782.4
February	1 206.9	1 667.6	138.8	7.7	64.8	1 211.1	1 664.8	144.2	8.0	65.0			2 786.6

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Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000	
	Employed full time		Total employed		Unemployment rate		Employed full time		Total employed		Unemployment rate			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%		
MALES														
1998														
December	316.6	369.1	41.7	10.2	70.5		318.8	368.4	41.4	10.1	70.3		583.0	
1999														
January	316.1	367.5	41.4	10.1	70.1		319.3	369.1	40.5	9.9	70.2		583.4	
February	321.3	372.7	38.3	9.3	70.4		320.1	369.9	39.4	9.6	70.1		583.8	
March	325.3	371.0	38.7	9.5	70.1		320.9	370.7	38.0	9.3	70.0		584.2	
April	319.2	367.1	36.2	9.0	69.0		321.3	371.6	36.7	9.0	69.8		584.6	
May	321.7	374.3	36.5	8.9	70.2		320.9	372.4	35.5	8.7	69.7		585.0	
June	319.4	374.5	33.6	8.2	69.7		319.7	372.9	34.9	8.5	69.7		585.3	
July	318.4	373.9	33.2	8.1	69.5		318.2	373.2	34.6	8.5	69.6		585.7	
August	317.0	372.8	36.8	9.0	69.9		316.8	373.3	34.7	8.5	69.6		586.0	
September	316.4	373.3	33.2	8.2	69.3		316.0	373.6	34.9	8.5	69.7		586.4	
October	314.0	373.4	37.4	9.1	70.0		316.2	374.2	35.0	8.6	69.8		586.8	
November	316.2	372.5	34.5	8.5	69.3		317.2	375.4	35.1	8.5	69.9		587.1	
December	319.8	380.8	34.7	8.3	70.7		318.9	377.0	35.0	8.5	70.1		587.5	
2000														
January	317.9	376.9	33.7	8.2	69.8		320.9	378.5	34.9	8.5	70.3		587.8	
February	329.0	382.0	36.0	8.6	71.1		323.0	380.0	34.8	8.4	70.5		588.1	
FEMALES														
1998														
December	147.0	287.7	24.8	7.9	51.3		147.3	286.2	25.9	8.3	51.2		609.7	
1999														
January	146.8	285.9	27.0	8.6	51.3		147.6	286.6	25.8	8.3	51.2		610.1	
February	148.6	285.8	25.9	8.3	51.1		148.2	286.7	25.8	8.3	51.2		610.5	
March	148.6	287.6	25.9	8.3	51.3		149.1	286.7	25.8	8.3	51.2		610.9	
April	150.1	287.1	24.4	7.8	51.0		150.0	287.1	25.8	8.2	51.2		611.3	
May	152.7	287.1	27.1	8.6	51.4		150.8	287.6	25.8	8.2	51.2		611.6	
June	149.9	287.3	25.6	8.2	51.1		151.3	288.3	25.8	8.2	51.3		611.9	
July	151.4	290.5	25.0	7.9	51.5		151.8	289.3	25.8	8.2	51.5		612.3	
August	153.4	291.3	25.9	8.2	51.8		152.3	290.9	25.7	8.1	51.7		612.6	
September	151.4	292.6	26.2	8.2	52.0		152.7	292.7	25.3	8.0	51.9		613.0	
October	153.0	290.8	25.6	8.1	51.6		152.8	294.6	24.9	7.8	52.1		613.3	
November	153.1	298.0	23.4	7.3	52.4		152.8	296.0	24.7	7.7	52.3		613.6	
December	156.2	300.4	24.3	7.5	52.9		152.5	297.1	24.6	7.6	52.4		613.8	
2000														
January	147.3	300.1	22.8	7.1	52.6		152.2	297.6	24.7	7.7	52.5		614.0	
February	152.9	292.4	27.9	8.7	52.1		151.8	297.8	24.9	7.7	52.5		614.2	
PERSONS														
1998														
December	463.6	656.8	66.6	9.2	60.7		466.2	654.6	67.3	9.3	60.5		1 192.6	
1999														
January	462.9	653.5	68.4	9.5	60.5		466.9	655.7	66.4	9.2	60.5		1 193.5	
February	469.9	658.5	64.2	8.9	60.5		468.4	656.5	65.2	9.0	60.4		1 194.3	
March	473.9	658.5	64.7	8.9	60.5		470.0	657.5	63.9	8.9	60.4		1 195.1	
April	469.3	654.2	60.6	8.5	59.8		471.3	658.7	62.4	8.7	60.3		1 195.8	
May	474.4	661.4	63.6	8.8	60.6		471.7	660.0	61.3	8.5	60.3		1 196.6	
June	469.3	661.8	59.2	8.2	60.2		471.0	661.3	60.7	8.4	60.3		1 197.3	
July	469.8	664.5	58.2	8.1	60.3		470.0	662.5	60.5	8.4	60.4		1 198.0	
August	470.4	664.1	62.7	8.6	60.6		469.1	664.2	60.4	8.3	60.4		1 198.7	
September	467.8	665.9	59.4	8.2	60.5		468.7	666.3	60.2	8.3	60.6		1 199.4	
October	466.9	664.3	63.0	8.7	60.6		469.0	668.8	60.0	8.2	60.7		1 200.0	
November	469.3	670.5	58.0	8.0	60.7		470.0	671.5	59.7	8.2	60.9		1 200.7	
December	476.0	681.2	59.0	8.0	61.6		471.4	674.1	59.6	8.1	61.1		1 201.3	
2000														
January	465.2	676.9	56.5	7.7	61.0		473.1	676.2	59.7	8.1	61.2		1 201.8	
February	481.9	674.3	63.9	8.7	61.4		474.8	677.8	59.7	8.1	61.3		1 202.3	

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Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %		Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %		
	MALES												
1998													
December	446.4	509.2	42.3	7.7	76.3		446.0	509.0	41.2	7.5	76.2		722.5
1999													
January	446.1	509.9	40.7	7.4	76.1		445.8	509.5	40.9	7.4	76.0		723.8
February	444.7	508.0	41.0	7.5	75.7		445.6	509.9	40.3	7.3	75.9		725.1
March	446.2	511.6	38.1	6.9	75.7		445.2	510.2	39.4	7.2	75.7		726.4
April	447.7	513.5	39.7	7.2	76.0		444.8	510.4	38.5	7.0	75.4		727.7
May	441.4	509.1	37.0	6.8	74.9		444.5	510.7	37.9	6.9	75.3		729.0
June	444.0	508.9	38.4	7.0	74.9		444.9	511.3	37.8	6.9	75.2		730.2
July	446.2	512.6	36.9	6.7	75.1		446.2	512.6	38.1	6.9	75.3		731.4
August	448.4	514.9	37.5	6.8	75.4		448.2	514.5	38.7	7.0	75.5		732.5
September	449.7	516.0	40.6	7.3	75.9		450.6	516.8	39.3	7.1	75.8		733.7
October	454.2	521.4	41.2	7.3	76.5		453.0	519.2	39.8	7.1	76.0		735.1
November	456.1	520.8	41.3	7.3	76.3		455.0	521.2	40.0	7.1	76.2		736.5
December	458.4	523.7	36.1	6.5	75.9		456.7	523.0	40.1	7.1	76.3		737.9
2000													
January	453.8	522.1	42.4	7.5	76.4		458.2	524.7	40.0	7.1	76.4		738.8
February	461.9	528.4	39.1	6.9	76.7		459.3	526.0	39.9	7.0	76.5		739.7
FEMALES													
1998													
December	205.2	384.5	26.8	6.5	56.8		202.2	384.1	27.0	6.6	56.8		723.8
1999													
January	203.2	383.5	26.4	6.5	56.5		201.7	383.6	27.5	6.7	56.7		725.0
February	201.4	382.9	28.1	6.8	56.6		201.2	383.7	28.0	6.8	56.7		726.2
March	196.6	384.5	28.0	6.8	56.7		200.9	384.3	28.2	6.8	56.7		727.4
April	202.2	384.3	31.9	7.7	57.1		201.0	385.6	27.9	6.7	56.8		728.6
May	201.0	386.4	26.3	6.4	56.6		201.6	387.0	27.3	6.6	56.8		729.7
June	204.8	391.7	24.1	5.8	56.9		202.9	388.6	26.7	6.4	56.8		730.8
July	205.3	391.5	25.9	6.2	57.0		204.9	390.5	26.2	6.3	56.9		731.9
August	205.9	389.8	26.2	6.3	56.7		207.1	392.7	25.9	6.2	57.1		733.0
September	205.7	393.5	26.9	6.4	57.3		209.1	395.2	25.9	6.1	57.4		734.1
October	212.0	396.4	25.9	6.1	57.4		210.9	397.7	25.8	6.1	57.6		735.4
November	218.7	405.6	26.2	6.1	58.6		212.2	400.0	25.5	6.0	57.8		736.7
December	211.6	402.4	23.9	5.6	57.8		213.0	401.8	25.0	5.9	57.8		738.0
2000													
January	210.7	401.9	24.9	5.8	57.8		213.5	403.0	24.5	5.7	57.9		738.9
February	213.1	401.5	23.5	5.5	57.4		213.6	403.8	24.0	5.6	57.8		739.9
PERSONS													
1998													
December	651.6	893.7	69.2	7.2	66.6		648.1	893.1	68.1	7.1	66.5		1 446.3
1999													
January	649.2	893.4	67.1	7.0	66.3		647.6	893.1	68.4	7.1	66.4		1 448.8
February	646.1	891.0	69.1	7.2	66.1		646.8	893.6	68.3	7.1	66.3		1 451.3
March	642.8	896.1	66.1	6.9	66.2		646.1	894.6	67.6	7.0	66.2		1 453.9
April	649.8	897.8	71.6	7.4	66.6		645.8	896.0	66.4	6.9	66.1		1 456.3
May	642.4	895.4	63.4	6.6	65.7		646.1	897.6	65.2	6.8	66.0		1 458.7
June	648.8	900.6	62.4	6.5	65.9		647.8	899.8	64.4	6.7	66.0		1 461.0
July	651.5	904.1	62.7	6.5	66.1		651.0	903.1	64.3	6.6	66.1		1 463.3
August	654.3	904.7	63.7	6.6	66.1		655.2	907.2	64.6	6.6	66.3		1 465.6
September	655.4	909.5	67.5	6.9	66.6		659.7	912.0	65.2	6.7	66.6		1 467.8
October	666.2	917.8	67.1	6.8	67.0		663.9	916.9	65.6	6.7	66.8		1 470.5
November	674.8	926.4	67.5	6.8	67.5		667.2	921.2	65.6	6.6	67.0		1 473.2
December	670.0	926.1	60.1	6.1	66.8		669.8	924.8	65.1	6.6	67.1		1 475.9
2000													
January	664.4	924.0	67.3	6.8	67.1		671.7	927.7	64.5	6.5	67.2		1 477.8
February	674.9	929.9	62.6	6.3	67.1		672.9	929.8	63.9	6.4	67.2		1 479.7

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Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
1998											
December	93.9	108.2	13.5	11.1	67.4	92.8	108.1	14.3	11.7	67.8	180.4
1999											
January	92.0	107.1	15.2	12.5	67.8	92.3	107.8	14.4	11.8	67.7	180.4
February	90.1	107.1	15.1	12.4	67.8	92.0	107.8	14.6	12.0	67.9	180.4
March	91.6	107.8	15.0	12.2	68.1	92.0	108.1	14.7	12.0	68.1	180.4
April	93.3	109.1	13.9	11.3	68.2	92.6	108.7	14.4	11.7	68.3	180.4
May	93.7	109.2	14.6	11.8	68.7	93.5	109.5	13.9	11.3	68.4	180.3
June	94.5	111.0	13.4	10.8	69.0	94.7	110.1	13.3	10.8	68.5	180.3
July	95.1	110.5	12.7	10.3	68.3	95.7	110.4	12.9	10.5	68.4	180.2
August	97.4	110.5	11.5	9.4	67.7	96.5	110.4	12.7	10.3	68.3	180.2
September	97.1	110.2	13.1	10.6	68.4	96.8	110.3	12.6	10.3	68.2	180.2
October	96.4	109.8	12.5	10.2	67.9	96.9	110.2	12.6	10.3	68.1	180.2
November	97.2	109.9	13.5	10.9	68.5	96.6	110.0	12.5	10.2	68.0	180.2
December	96.5	110.5	12.4	10.1	68.2	96.1	110.0	12.3	10.1	67.9	180.2
2000											
January	95.6	109.8	11.8	9.7	67.5	95.5	109.9	12.0	9.9	67.7	180.2
February	93.5	109.7	10.9	9.1	66.9	94.9	109.9	11.7	9.7	67.5	180.2
FEMALES											
1998											
December	41.3	85.2	9.5	10.0	50.0	42.1	85.8	8.1	8.7	49.6	189.5
1999											
January	42.9	85.6	7.7	8.3	49.3	42.5	85.7	8.0	8.5	49.4	189.5
February	42.7	86.5	6.9	7.4	49.3	42.9	85.7	7.9	8.4	49.3	189.6
March	43.8	85.4	7.8	8.4	49.1	43.3	85.7	7.7	8.3	49.3	189.6
April	43.5	85.9	7.8	8.4	49.4	43.7	85.7	7.6	8.1	49.2	189.7
May	44.6	85.2	7.9	8.4	49.0	44.0	85.8	7.4	8.0	49.1	189.7
June	43.6	86.4	7.4	7.9	49.5	44.3	85.8	7.3	7.9	49.1	189.7
July	44.0	85.5	6.6	7.1	48.5	44.6	85.9	7.3	7.8	49.1	189.8
August	45.0	86.4	7.2	7.7	49.3	44.7	86.2	7.3	7.8	49.3	189.8
September	45.7	86.8	7.5	8.0	49.7	44.7	86.7	7.4	7.9	49.6	189.8
October	44.5	86.6	7.6	8.1	49.6	44.4	87.3	7.6	8.0	50.0	189.8
November	43.9	88.0	8.0	8.4	50.6	44.0	87.9	7.7	8.1	50.4	189.9
December	42.9	88.9	7.6	7.9	50.8	43.5	88.4	7.8	8.1	50.7	189.9
2000											
January	43.2	89.8	7.9	8.1	51.4	43.1	88.9	7.9	8.1	50.9	190.0
February	42.7	88.3	7.8	8.1	50.6	42.7	89.2	7.9	8.1	51.1	190.0
PERSONS											
1998											
December	135.2	193.3	23.0	10.6	58.5	134.9	193.9	22.4	10.3	58.5	369.9
1999											
January	134.8	192.7	23.0	10.6	58.3	134.8	193.5	22.4	10.4	58.4	369.9
February	132.8	193.7	22.0	10.2	58.3	134.9	193.4	22.5	10.4	58.4	370.0
March	135.4	193.3	22.8	10.5	58.4	135.3	193.8	22.4	10.4	58.4	370.0
April	136.8	195.0	21.7	10.0	58.6	136.2	194.5	22.0	10.2	58.5	370.0
May	138.3	194.4	22.4	10.3	58.6	137.6	195.3	21.3	9.9	58.5	370.0
June	138.1	197.4	20.9	9.6	59.0	139.0	195.9	20.7	9.5	58.5	370.0
July	139.1	196.0	19.2	8.9	58.2	140.3	196.3	20.2	9.3	58.5	370.0
August	142.5	196.8	18.6	8.6	58.2	141.2	196.7	20.0	9.2	58.6	370.0
September	142.8	197.0	20.6	9.5	58.8	141.5	197.1	20.0	9.2	58.7	370.0
October	140.9	196.4	20.2	9.3	58.5	141.3	197.5	20.2	9.3	58.8	370.0
November	141.0	197.9	21.5	9.8	59.3	140.6	198.0	20.2	9.3	59.0	370.0
December	139.4	199.4	20.0	9.1	59.3	139.6	198.4	20.1	9.2	59.1	370.1
2000											
January	138.8	199.6	19.6	9.0	59.2	138.6	198.8	19.9	9.1	59.1	370.2
February	136.2	198.0	18.7	8.6	58.5	137.5	199.0	19.6	9.0	59.1	370.3

(a) Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates have been revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
1998						
December	46.7	53.6	2.4	4.3	78.1	71.6
1999						
January	46.9	53.9	2.3	4.1	78.2	71.8
February	47.0	54.1	2.3	4.0	78.3	72.0
March	46.9	54.2	2.2	4.0	78.2	72.1
April	46.7	54.1	2.2	3.8	77.8	72.3
May	46.6	54.0	2.1	3.7	77.3	72.5
June	46.4	53.8	1.9	3.5	76.8	72.7
July	46.5	53.7	1.8	3.3	76.3	72.8
August	46.6	53.6	1.8	3.2	76.0	72.9
September	46.5	53.4	1.9	3.3	75.8	72.9
October	46.2	53.1	2.0	3.7	75.5	73.0
November	45.7	52.5	2.2	4.1	75.0	73.0
December	45.1	51.8	2.4	4.5	74.2	73.0
2000						
January	44.5	51.1	2.6	4.9	73.5	73.1
February	43.8	50.3	2.8	5.3	72.7	73.2
FEMALES						
1998						
December	28.2	41.2	1.6	3.8	65.6	65.2
1999						
January	28.0	41.4	1.7	3.9	65.9	65.3
February	27.6	41.4	1.7	4.0	65.9	65.5
March	27.2	41.3	1.8	4.2	65.6	65.7
April	26.8	41.1	1.9	4.4	65.3	65.8
May	26.6	40.9	2.0	4.7	65.1	65.9
June	26.6	40.8	2.0	4.8	64.9	66.0
July	26.8	40.8	2.0	4.8	64.9	66.1
August	27.1	40.8	2.0	4.7	64.7	66.1
September	27.3	40.7	2.0	4.7	64.5	66.2
October	27.5	40.5	2.0	4.7	64.1	66.3
November	27.6	40.2	2.0	4.8	63.6	66.4
December	27.7	39.9	2.1	5.0	63.1	66.5
2000						
January	27.7	39.6	2.2	5.2	62.7	66.6
February	27.8	39.2	2.2	5.3	62.1	66.7
PERSONS						
1998						
December	74.9	94.8	4.0	4.1	72.2	136.8
1999						
January	74.9	95.3	4.0	4.0	72.4	137.1
February	74.6	95.5	4.0	4.0	72.4	137.5
March	74.1	95.5	4.0	4.1	72.2	137.8
April	73.5	95.2	4.1	4.1	71.9	138.1
May	73.1	94.9	4.1	4.1	71.5	138.4
June	73.0	94.7	4.0	4.0	71.1	138.7
July	73.3	94.5	3.9	3.9	70.9	138.9
August	73.6	94.4	3.8	3.9	70.6	139.0
September	73.8	94.2	3.9	3.9	70.4	139.2
October	73.7	93.6	4.0	4.1	70.1	139.3
November	73.3	92.7	4.3	4.4	69.6	139.4
December	72.7	91.7	4.5	4.7	68.9	139.5
2000						
January	72.2	90.7	4.8	5.0	68.3	139.7
February	71.5	89.5	5.0	5.3	67.6	139.9

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

(b) Trend estimates have been revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
1998						
December	68.9	81.5	6.1	7.0	76.9	113.9
1999						
January	69.0	81.6	5.9	6.8	76.8	114.1
February	69.0	81.8	5.9	6.7	76.7	114.3
March	69.0	82.0	5.8	6.6	76.7	114.4
April	68.9	82.1	5.8	6.6	76.8	114.5
May	68.9	82.4	5.9	6.7	77.0	114.6
June	69.1	82.8	5.9	6.7	77.3	114.7
July	69.6	83.4	5.9	6.6	77.7	114.9
August	70.1	84.2	5.8	6.4	78.2	115.1
September	70.7	84.8	5.7	6.3	78.6	115.3
October	71.1	85.4	5.6	6.2	78.9	115.4
November	71.6	85.9	5.5	6.0	79.1	115.5
December	71.9	86.3	5.4	5.9	79.2	115.7
2000						
January	72.2	86.6	5.3	5.8	79.2	116.1
February	72.4	86.9	5.3	5.7	79.2	116.6
FEMALES						
1998						
December	46.9	74.4	4.1	5.2	64.6	121.5
1999						
January	47.2	74.8	4.1	5.2	65.0	121.6
February	47.2	75.1	4.2	5.3	65.2	121.7
March	47.1	75.2	4.3	5.4	65.3	121.8
April	47.0	75.3	4.2	5.2	65.2	121.9
May	47.3	75.7	4.0	5.0	65.3	122.0
June	48.0	76.2	3.8	4.8	65.6	122.0
July	48.8	76.8	3.8	4.7	66.0	122.1
August	49.6	77.4	3.9	4.8	66.5	122.2
September	50.2	77.9	4.1	5.0	67.0	122.3
October	50.5	78.2	4.2	5.1	67.3	122.4
November	50.7	78.5	4.2	5.1	67.5	122.6
December	50.9	78.7	4.2	5.1	67.6	122.7
2000						
January	51.2	79.0	4.1	4.9	67.6	122.9
February	51.4	79.1	4.0	4.8	67.6	123.1
PERSONS						
1998						
December	115.9	155.9	10.2	6.1	70.6	235.4
1999						
January	116.2	156.5	10.1	6.1	70.7	235.7
February	116.2	156.9	10.1	6.0	70.8	235.9
March	116.0	157.2	10.1	6.0	70.8	236.2
April	115.9	157.5	10.0	6.0	70.9	236.4
May	116.2	158.0	9.9	5.9	71.0	236.6
June	117.1	159.0	9.8	5.8	71.3	236.8
July	118.4	160.3	9.7	5.7	71.7	237.1
August	119.7	161.6	9.7	5.7	72.2	237.3
September	120.8	162.7	9.8	5.7	72.6	237.6
October	121.7	163.6	9.8	5.7	72.9	237.9
November	122.3	164.4	9.8	5.6	73.1	238.1
December	122.8	165.0	9.6	5.5	73.2	238.3
2000						
January	123.4	165.6	9.4	5.4	73.3	239.0
February	123.9	166.0	9.2	5.3	73.3	239.6

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

(b) Trend estimates have been revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

2 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

3 The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

4 During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

SCOPE OF SURVEY

5 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

6 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

7 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999.

REVISION OF SERIES

8 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

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SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

9 The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

10 The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

11 For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

12 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

13 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment, and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1998, will be published in a feature article in the February 2000 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

14 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

15 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

16 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

17 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

18 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

20 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

21 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Michael Johnson on 02 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

22 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

23 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in Cat. no. 6203.0 for more details.

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Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Attending school	Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.
Attending tertiary educational institution full time	Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
Employed	Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ on paid leave,■ on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,■ stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,■ on strike or locked out,■ on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or■ receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Full-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week
Labour force	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.
Part-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.
Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 13 to 14 for more detail.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 15 to 17 for more detail.

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Unemployed	Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.
Unemployed looking for first full-time job	Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Unemployment to population ratio	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 8,700. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 8,700 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,300 to 508,700 (500,000 + or - 8,700)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,600 to 517,400 (500,000 + or - 17,400).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				
NSW	18.4	9.9	21.9	5.3	3.9	5.9	22.8	16.8	0.2	0.4
Vic.	13.8	8.1	16.3	4.2	3.2	4.8	17.1	12.7	0.2	0.4
Qld	10.8	7.3	12.2	4.3	2.5	4.8	12.6	9.9	0.3	0.5
SA	5.0	3.5	5.7	2.1	1.3	2.3	6.0	4.9	0.3	0.5
WA	5.4	3.9	6.0	2.2	1.5	2.5	6.2	4.9	0.3	0.4
Tas.	1.8	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.5	0.9	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.6
NT	1.2	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.0
ACT	1.8	1.1	2.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.1	1.3	0.4	0.9
Males	21.4	9.4	23.1	7.4	4.1	7.9	24.3	15.1	0.1	0.3
Females	15.6	14.0	19.9	6.1	5.2	7.4	20.7	18.9	0.2	0.3
Persons	28.0	15.9	36.1	8.9	6.0	10.0	38.9	24.6	0.1	0.3

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.8	5.0	5.3	3.9	5.9	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Vic.	2.1	4.0	4.2	3.2	4.8	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Qld	1.8	4.1	4.3	2.5	4.8	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
SA	1.0	1.9	2.1	1.3	2.3	3.8	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
WA	1.1	2.1	2.2	1.5	2.5	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Tas.	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.9	4.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.4
NT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	6.5	0.6	0.6	1.7	0.5
ACT	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	5.8	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.4
Males	3.5	7.0	7.4	4.1	7.9	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1
Females	3.0	5.8	6.1	5.2	7.4	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Persons	4.3	8.3	8.9	6.0	10.0	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,390,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 13,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 13,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range -3,000 to 23,000 (10,000 + or - 13,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -16,000 to 36,000 (10,000 + or - 26,000).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	'000	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NSW	9.9	6.7	10.8	4.0	2.9	4.5	11.1	9.5	0.1	0.2	
Vic.	7.5	5.2	8.3	3.1	2.3	3.5	8.5	7.2	0.1	0.2	
Qld	6.7	4.7	7.5	3.0	2.0	3.3	7.7	6.2	0.2	0.3	
SA	3.1	2.3	3.5	1.4	1.0	1.6	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.3	
WA	3.9	2.8	4.3	1.7	1.2	1.9	4.4	3.5	0.2	0.3	
Tas.	1.2	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.4	
NT	1.1	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.8	
ACT	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	
Males	14.0	7.0	14.7	5.7	3.1	6.0	15.1	10.7	0.1	0.2	
Females	11.0	10.0	13.4	4.7	4.0	5.6	13.8	13.0	0.1	0.2	
Persons	16.2	11.1	18.0	6.6	4.6	7.4	18.5	15.3	0.1	0.1	

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.2	3.8	4.0	2.9	4.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Vic.	1.7	2.9	3.1	2.3	3.5	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Qld	1.5	2.9	3.0	2.0	3.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
SA	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.6	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WA	0.9	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.9	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Tas.	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	3.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
NT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	6.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.4
ACT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	4.9	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
Males	2.9	5.4	5.7	3.1	6.0	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1
Females	2.5	4.4	4.7	4.0	5.6	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Persons	3.4	6.2	6.6	4.6	7.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

1 The March seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the February estimate.

2 The March seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the February estimate by:

- +0.31% for employment
- +2.0% for the unemployment rate

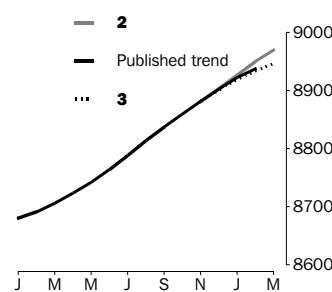
3 The March seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the February estimate by:

- -0.31% for employment
- -2.0% for the unemployment rate

4 The March seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised February trend estimate which is identical to the new March trend estimate.

The percentage changes of 0.31% and 2.0% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

EMPLOYMENT ('000)

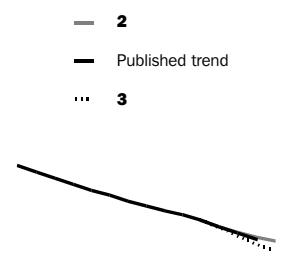


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WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:

	1 8 962.4 i.e. the same as Feb 2000	2 8 990.6 i.e. rises by 0.31%	3 8 934.3 i.e. falls by 0.31%	4 8 850.5 i.e. same trend for Feb & Mar
1999				
December	8 902.5	8 902.9	8 904.2	8 901.7
2000				
January	8 922.2	8 923.8	8 927.9	8 919.6
February	8 938.3	8 942.6	8 950.4	8 934.7
March (new)	—	8 958.5	8 970.3	8 946.6
				8 911.3

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



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WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:

	1 6.7 i.e. the same as Feb 2000	2 6.8 i.e. rises by 2.0%	3 6.6 i.e. falls by 2.0%	4 7.1 i.e. same trend for Feb & Mar
1999				
December	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9
2000				
January	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8
February	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7
March (new)	—	6.7	6.8	6.6
				6.9

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